Village of Arlington Heights
Plan Commission
Virtual Meeting
October 20, 2021
7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

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II. ROLL CALL

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. New Hope Academy - 9/22/21

B. Shelter, Inc - 9/22/21

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Shelter, Inc - 207-209 E. Valley Ln. - PC#21-015
Special Use Permit for a Shelter Care Home, Parking Variation

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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Plan Commission
10/20/2021

Item: New Hope Academy - 9/22/21

Department: Planning & Community Development

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	**Type**
New Hope Academy - 9/22/21	Minutes

PLAN
COMMISSION

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
PLAN COMMISSION

RE: NEW HOPE ACADEMY - 3250 NORTH ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD - PC #21-016
AMENDMENT TO LUV ORDINANCE 17-016

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had before the Village of Arlington Heights Plan Commission Meeting held virtually, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which permits the public to fully participate via their computers or using their phones, on the 22nd day of September, 2021 at the hour of 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUSAN DAWSON, Chairperson
BRUCE GREEN, Acting Chairperson
JOE LORENZINI
JAY CHERWIN
JOHN SIGALOS
TERRY ENNES
GEORGE DROST
LYNN JENSEN

ALSO PRESENT:

SAM HUBBARD, Development Planner
HART PASSMAN, Village Attorney

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CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right. Well, let's call this meeting to order. Before we start, I need to state that I find that the public health concerns related to the Corona virus pandemic render in-person attendance at the regular meeting location not feasible.

So, with that, let's call to order and start with the Pledge. Who has a flag?

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Wait, I've got a flag.
COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Get your flag, Bruce.
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Thanks, Bruce.
(Pledge of Allegiance recited.)
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, roll call attendance?
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Cherwin.
COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Here.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost.
(No response.)
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes. Commissioner Ennes? I see you're on mute. I see you here, but you're on mute.
COMMISSIONER ENNES: Present. Sorry.
MR. HUBBARD: All right, Commissioner Green.
COMMISSIONER GREEN: Here.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.
(No response.)
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.
COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Here.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.
COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Here.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Warskow.
(No response.)
MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson.
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Here.

All right, our first agenda item is approval of the minutes. Do you have a motion?

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes, I'll make a motion to approve two sets of minutes, the first one being Chapter 28 Text Amendments, and the second one being Ridgeline/Rohrman Development, both from 8/25/21.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I'll second that.
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, we need a roll call vote.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Cherwin.
COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost. Commissioner Drost, who I see present, but on mute?
COMMISSIONER DROST: Unmute, yes.
MR. HUBBARD: All right, Commissioner Green?
COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes.
COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.

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MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.
COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Abstain, I was not here.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.
COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson.
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes.

All right, then moving on to our next agenda item, at this point I am recusing myself and someone else will be taking over the meeting. I'll be joining you back shortly.

MR. HUBBARD: Yes, Chair Dawson has to recuse herself, so as a matter of procedure, we need to nominate a Chair Pro Tem for the next zoning matter. Chair Green did an excellent job the last time we were in this position, so if anyone is so inclined, they may nominate him or anyone else.

COMMISSIONER DROST: I will nominate Commissioner Green.
COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I'll second.
COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Second.
MR. HUBBARD: All right, let's take a roll call.

Commissioner Drost.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Aye.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Cherwin.
COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes.
COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Green.
COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes, I guess.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen who is now in attendance.
COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.
COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.
COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: That's it. So, we have a Chair Pro Tem, Chair Green for the next zoning case, and then our standard Chair Dawson will join us back for the following case.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Okay, thank you all for your vote of confidence here. Our first case tonight is PC #21-016, the New Hope Academy land use variation amendment. Brandy Larrance is the Petitioner.

Are you here?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes, Brandy and anyone on Brandy's team, if you could raise your hand in Zoom? I'll go ahead and bring you in to the meeting. Hold on.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: When you get them, Sam, I'll swear everybody in at once.

MR. HUBBARD: So, it looks like we now have Mrs. Brandy Larrance and Mr. Dave Larrance in attendance, the Petitioners for the New Hope Academy agenda item. Zoom should be asking both of you to unmute and activate your camera.

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ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: All right, Terry, you're on mute, I think. I can't hear you, unless I'm on mute or something.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes, Terry is on mute.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: There you go, okay. I lost Sam though and I lost the Petitioners. I don't see them yet.

MR. LARRANCE: We're here.

MRS. LARRANCE: This is Brandy.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Oh, there we go.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes, I see the Petitioners.

MR. HUBBARD: Yes, they're in here, Chair Green, but we have so many people as part of this meeting that it won't show everyone at all times.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Okay, well, I'm going to swear you in. If you would just answer my one question.

(Witnesses sworn.)

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: There you go. I've always wanted to say it that way. But anyway, at this point, I don't know who's going to lead, whether it's Dave or Brandy, but why don't you tell us about your project?

MR. LARRANCE: Brandy is going to go ahead and take the lead on this one.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Okay.

MRS. LARRANCE: Sure. So, at this time, would you like me to screenshare the presentation?

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Yes. Go through, yes, whatever you want to present to us, we would love to hear it.

MRS. LARRANCE: Is my screen available for you to see?

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Yes, it is. Yes, it is, Brandy. If I could just interrupt for a minute, I want to ask Sam, have all the public notices been made on this petition?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Thank you.

Now, Brandy, I'm sorry, we're back to you. If you could proceed, please?

MRS. LARRANCE: Sure, and if at any point in time you need me to slow down, repeat, stop, please just let me know.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Okay, thank you.

MRS. LARRANCE: Yes, absolutely. So, New Hope Academy is a private therapeutic day school located in Arlington Heights. We moved from Niles in 2017 and joined the Village of Arlington Heights then. You might not remember us, but we remember you guys though.

So, New Hope Academy is one of the best therapeutic day schools in Illinois. We think that because it's our school, but we also hear that often from many people. We serve students ages 11 through 21, grades six through 12. We have students with primary disabilities, emotional disability, OHI which is other health impairment, SLD which is specific learning disability, and autism. We have highly qualified staff that work with our students, and we provide a safe, supportive environment for them to learn.

So, our plan now is that we have a current site obviously at 3250 North Arlington Heights Road. It is our biggest setting for our therapeutic day school at 18,000 square feet. We have 35 staff and we reach capacity at 95 students. So, our hope moving forward is that we will bring our east campus, which is currently located in Glenview, over to the 100 Wing in Arlington Heights within the same building. When we do this, we'll be able to combine all of our resources and work more effectively in order to meet the needs of our students. At that time, if we do bring the campus over to the 100 Wing, we will have 27,000 square feet, around 50 staff, and reach capacity at 135 students.

So, one of the biggest things that we needed to look into was the traffic, the parking, the drop-off, and the pick-up. So, we did have that traffic study completed again, and we will continue to follow all of their recommendations. All that information was submitted to the Village and we will follow all the recommendations made by the Village of Arlington Heights to make sure that our traffic, parking, drop-off/pick-up run as smoothly as possible.

All of our drop-off and pick-up will continue, even though we're adding students, at the existing entrance that we use now. It makes more sense to have all the students enter into one entrance versus stopping traffic, letting some kids out, and then moving cars forward. That would take much longer.

Just as a side note, although typically students with a driver's license are allowed to drive to school, our policy and special ed law does not allow New Hope students or any students in special ed to drive to school. So, we don't have students parking in our lot. Drop-off happens in the morning at 8:15, pick-up happens at 2:30.

One of the things that we addressed in our PowerPoint that was asked of us is to look at any complaints or anything that we've heard through the Village or during our time in Arlington Heights, and I'm happy to report there have been no complaints. If there have been, I don't know about them, which I guess is okay. So, we are and will be committed to being good community members.

We really appreciate the Village of Arlington Heights. We greatly appreciate the Fire Department and the Police Department. We have excellent working relationships with both of those departments. They come visit us often just to say hello or to do some speaking to our students about Internet safety, they walk with us through crisis intervention or intruder drills. It's wonderful, and we're committed to continuing to make a positive impact in your Village and our Village, too. So, this is an example of something that we've done recently where we've adopted a highway down the street and we work to keep Arlington Heights beautiful and clean.

So, I can stop screensharing and open for any questions or comments, address any concerns you may have. Is that what --

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Yes, we'll get there, Brandy. If you're complete with what you're going to do, the Staff will give its report. Then we'll have questions from the Commissioners and the public or then we'll get back to you as needed.

MRS. LARRANCE: Excellent.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: So, thank you.

Sam, would you like to give the Staff report?

MR. HUBBARD: Sure. Let me find my presentation here, just one second and cue it up.

Okay, can everyone see this?

(Chorus of yeses.)

MR. HUBBARD: All right, as you've heard, the subject property is located on North Arlington Heights Road in the 200 Wing of the subject property, that's on the very far north side of the Village. New Hope has been there since 2017 when they were approved for a land use variation to allow a private school in the M-1 Research Development and Light Manufacturing District. The subject property is developed with a light industrial/flex office building that's zoned M-1, and private schools are not allowed in the M-1 district and, therefore, the school needed a land use variation which, as you've heard, was approved in 2017. The proposed expansion requires an amendment to that existing land use variation, and so that is the reason that the Petitioner is before you this evening.

I just want to briefly walk you through an aerial of the subject property. You can see it here bounded in red with the red line. North is to the top of the screen, let's see. One moment here.

So, again, the subject property bounded in red, this is the existing location in yellow where New Hope is located. They have a small auxiliary office located in the southeastern corner of the building. The red area is where they want to expand. So, basically, this is going to make one long continuous space for New Hope within the building, plus the auxiliary office and storage area there.

The site has good access. Up on the north side, you can't really see it here but there is a right-in/right-out driveway. There's a secondary southern access point here. This is a full access intersection with Arlington Heights Road. It's non-signalized, but I would note that northbound traffic on Arlington Heights Road does have a dedicated left-hand turn lane to make left-hand turn movements into the subject site. On the southwestern corner, there's an access easement with the Hillside site just to the south which provides access on to University Drive, which provides eventual access to a signal at University and Arlington Heights Road. So, the site does have pretty good access being that it isn't directly served by a signal on Arlington Heights Road.

Here is the site plan. Again, you can see here the right-in/right-out access, and then the full access intersection at the south, and then down here we have the access easement onto the property, and the eventual access to University Drive.

Here is where the entrance, the main entrance to the New Hope facility is. One of the things we looked at was the drop-off/pick-up operations. Basically, what happens at the beginning of the day and at the end of the day for drop-off and pick-up is that cars, buses and vans start queuing right here, and then the line queues all the way back, wraps around the building sometimes, and then comes all the way to the back right around this point. So, we wanted to make sure that the stacking queue, given the increased capacity at New Hope, was not going to create any stacking or parking problems.

There is a proposed increase in staff; going from about 35 to 50, so it's 15 additional staff members. So, New Hope is going to, and the property owner, is going to need to stripe additional parking spaces as reserved only for New Hope. Currently, they have a few spaces striped as reserved in this location, and then down here, and then there's going to be additional, 15 additional spaces as part of this project reserved for New Hope here, and then here as well. What this does is basically, when cars start to stack up during the drop-off and pick-up operations, when these spaces are reserved for New Hope employees, it eliminates

conflicts getting in and out of these spaces during times when there may be cars and vans and buses stacked up in the drive aisle.

We analyzed this relative to traffic; there are a few key items to point out. In the analysis, additional trips that would be experienced as a result of New Hope's expansion, the analysis is fairly conservative. What KLOA, the traffic consultant, did was they observed the number of buses and vans at the existing facility in Glenview, and they based their number of increased buses and vans on the subject property as based on those observations in Glenview. But in reality, a lot of those students that are at Glenview are students that are coming from districts that send students already to New Hope. So, what that means is that these existing buses and taxis and cabs and vans that are already queuing and stacking on the site dropping off students can, in theory, double up on students from the same district. So, it may not actually result in the number of 29 additional bus and van movements during the peak hours because that's, you know, there's going to be some consolidation of students in these vans and it's not strictly going to be a one-per-one given the expansion. So, we think that was important to note in our analysis.

They did do a level of service analysis for all existing intersections in the vicinity. Probably one thing to note, and the worst, the lowest level of service grade is the eastbound approach with the south access drive. So, basically, what that's saying is if you're leaving on this southern access drive, there is going to be a level of delay as you wait to get into traffic either southbound on Arlington Heights Road or take a left to head northbound. That level of service is projected to go from a D to an E. So, in the morning as existing, it's at about a 34-second wait; it's going to go up by about six seconds of delay to a level of E. Then in the evening, it's going to go from about a 35-second delay to about a 43-second delay, so about eight more seconds of delay time.

This doesn't create any additional stacking on site. The cars are able to clear within those time periods so that stacking on site doesn't create any conflicts. I would note that if stacking here at this intersection during peak times becomes unmanageable, there are alternative options on the site for egress. So, we're not as concerned with traffic relative to this project.

Regarding parking, the traffic consultant did do a detailed study. They took surveys of existing parking areas, forecasted demand for what parking would be. Given that the students here aren't driving, this is a really low intensity parking use, so we don't have any issues relative to parking.

But relative to drop-off and pick-up, you can see in this aerial, you can see this was actually taken when there was stacking and queuing for New Hope. So, you can see that line of traffic. It's well managed. You can see that there's, you know, spaces for cars to come in here. They don't queue to block drive aisles. So, New Hope does have a large number of staff out there to assist in these operations, and the traffic consultant did find that, you know, the stacking during morning and afternoon drop-off/pick-up clears within about 15 to 20 minutes.

So, we are supportive of this use. We are supportive of the expansion. We think it can be accommodated with the existing street network relative to traffic. Parking can be accommodated on site. We are recommending a condition of approval that if there are issues observed during drop-off and pick-up, that New Hope will work with the Village to address those, you know, with possible strategies such as additional staff managing those

operations, they could even try and reconfigure the queuing and stacking locations and perhaps even allow double stacking of vehicles in appropriate locations, or even staggering arrival and departure times. Additionally, we would recommend a condition of approval that the property owner stripe an additional 15 parking spaces as reserved for New Hope. But other than that, we are supportive of the project, and happy to answer any questions.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Thank you, Sam.

Just to get back in to Brandy and Dave, you've seen those three conditions. Do you accept those three conditions?

MR. LARRANCE: Yes, we do.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Great.

Is there a motion to enter the Staff report into the minutes?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, I'll make that motion.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Is there a second to that?

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I'll second that.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: If we could take a roll call vote, please, Sam?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Green.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: You're mute, Lynn. Lynn's on mute.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes. Sorry.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Okay, so moved.

Does the Commission have a preference to go to the audience first, or would you like to get to any questions you might have, you know, at the Commissioner level? Any preference, guys?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Audience first.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Audience.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Okay, Sam, if you would see if there's anybody in the audience that would like to speak on this?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

If there's anyone in attendance in the audience that wants to speak on this matter relative to New Hope, please raise your hand in Zoom and I will bring you in to give your comment. If you dialed in over phone, dial *9 to be added to the queue to speak. I do see one individual with their hand raised, let's bring them over.

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So, I should be bringing over a Cassandra Holliday who has their hand raised. Zoom should be asking you to promote yourself to a panelist. All right, Cassandra Holliday, you are now in. You can unmute yourself and activate your camera and provide your public comment.

QUESTIONS FROM AUDIENCE

MS. HOLLIDAY: Hi, I'd just like to say congratulations to New Hope. They do excellent work and are a wonderful asset to any community they join. Thank you.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Cassandra, if you could do me a favor? If you could state your name and spell your last name for the court reporter, I would appreciate it.

MS. HOLLIDAY: Cassandra Holliday, H-o-l-l-i-d-ay.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Thank you very much.

MS. HOLLIDAY: You're welcome.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Sam, is there anybody else?

MR. HUBBARD: I don't see anyone else with their hand raised, so I think we can close public comment.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Okay, we will close public comment and get to the Commissioners. I'm looking at across the board.

Terry, you're right next to me, would you like to start with any comments you have?

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I would. Just a comment in the interest of full disclosure. I should point out that I was a tenant in this building for quite sometime, and I no longer have an interest in that building or in that business that was in the building. But I was there all during the time of New Hope Academy, and I've got to say they were really a great tenant. The stacking is done at a time that isn't a big conflict to most of the office occupancy. The building is medical and office and New Hope. The building I should say is very well managed. They did everything they could to make it convenient and work for all the tenants including New Hope. Everything I heard about the school was great about them.

That's more of a commentary than a question, but I really have no questions. I think it's a great project. It's good to see that they're doing such a great job. It's my understanding that the expansion of the school, and Ms. Larrance, you might be able to confirm this, was at the request of the state. Another school that was either closing, the state asked that you take over their students, is that correct?

MRS. LARRANCE: So, I think what you're speaking about is our location in Glenview was formerly Evanston Day School, which was owned by North Shore Hospital System, and they were closing that school down. They reached out to us because of our performance and the job we did and asked us to come in and take that school. We determined that that was a really great thing to do, right. But aesthetically and space-wise, we've run out of room there. Like I said, we really appreciate being where we are and want to continue to serve the most fragile kids, right? So, this will work very well for us.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Well, I think it's a great project and look forward to you to go ahead with it.

MRS. LARRANCE: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: That's all I have, Bruce.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Thank you, Terry.

Jay, I see your name up there next. Would you like to ask any questions?

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: No, I appreciate the opportunity but, you know, I was very supportive of this when they went into it. I'm glad to see that it's working out well. Some of my biggest concerns when they initially did it back in 2017 was just to make sure some of those turning movements and everything were going to be safe and workable. Sounds like they are.

You know, I'm supportive of this. I think it's great. It sounds like it's working out really well. I think it's a great use. They're obviously doing a really good job for folks and the community and the surrounding area. So, I'm happy to support this.

I guess if I could ask one question of Sam? How is, it doesn't seem like the southerly access route to get you to the light, the signaled intersection, is that really at this point superfluous or, you know, how is it being used if at all? That would be my only question.

MR. HUBBARD: It's not heavily used. New Hope's circulation procedures for drop-off and pick-up do not send those vehicles out through that access point. They're supposed to use the access on the Arlington Heights Road side. So, it's really just as like an alternative for a worst case scenario.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Got it, thanks. No more questions. Thank you, Bruce.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Thank you, Jay.

Let's see, who is up there next? Looks like, Joe, you're the next one in line.

Joe, do you have any questions?

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: No, what they're doing sounds like a great service to the community. I'd like to know more about what they do but I don't want to take everybody's time about that. No, I think it's a good project.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Thank you, Joe. Let's see.

George?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes. If it wouldn't be pretentious, I'd like to make a motion. I mean, I just --

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Let's see if anybody has any more comments, although I would welcome that, George.

COMMISSIONER DROST: My comments are, yes, my comments are consistent with the previous ones. So, onward and upward.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: All right, let's just jump over to you, John. Do you have any comments that you'd like before we make a motion?

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: No, I really don't. I participated in the Conceptual Plan Review Committee meeting, and very happy to hear that New Hope is doing well and staying in Arlington Heights, expanding their facility. So, I'm fully supportive of it. I've got no other questions.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Thank you, John.

I was also in the Conceptual Plan Review Committee, so I don't have any questions. I think it's a great, great facility and a very good use.

So, George, if you would like to make a motion?

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COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes. I'd like to make a motion.

A motion to recommend to the Village Board of Trustees approval of PC #21-016, an Amendment to Land Use Variation Ordinance 17-016 to allow an expansion of the existing private school.
This recommendation is subject to the following conditions:

1. **Should the Village observe issues with the drop-off and pick-up operations, the school shall work with Staff to resolve said issues, which may include (but is not limited to) additional staff assigned to assist with drop-off and pick-up, reconfiguring queue locations and allowing double-stacking of vehicles in drive aisles (where appropriate), and staggering of arrival or departure times.**
2. **A total of 15 parking spaces on the southern side of the building shall be striped as "reserved" for New Hope staff.**
3. **The Petitioner shall comply with all federal, state, and Village codes, regulations, and policies.**

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Thank you.
Is there a second to that motion?
COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Second that.
ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Okay, it looks like, Lynn, I didn't mean to cut you off from comments.
COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I had no further comments. I'm very supportive with everybody else.
ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Okay, so with a motion and a second, Sam, could we take a roll call vote please?
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Cherwin.
COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes.
COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Green.
ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.
COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.
COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost.
COMMISSIONER DROST: Aye.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.
COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.
ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Well, I think that's unanimous for us tonight, to Brandy and Dave. This will be passed on, our recommendation will be passed on to the Board of Trustees.
Sam, do you have a date when that might happen?
MR. HUBBARD: We'll have to work out when the most appropriate date with the Board is. It would either be the first or second meeting in October. So, we'll try and

schedule that with you, Mrs. Larrance, and we'll be in touch.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes, Sam, housekeeping question. Why is it that Commissioner Cherwin gets two slots and poor George Drost gets zero. They have Cherwin down here twice, in my screen anyway, and we do not have poor George Drost listed.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: There he is.

COMMISSIONER DROST: I'm fine.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Does Cherwin get two votes?

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I'm a real power player, Lynn.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: So, congratulations to the Larrances, and we're looking forward to the expansion. So, stay in touch with Sam and he'll give you the date for the Trustees. But congratulations!

MR. LARRANCE: Thank you all very much for your time.

MRS. LARRANCE: Yes, and if at any point in time anyone would like to come visit and see the school, we love to talk about New Hope and all the good stuff and what we do. So, our doors are open to you.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: Thank you very much. Take care now.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Okay, good luck moving forward.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON GREEN: So, Sam, I guess we turn it over to the real Chairman here tonight, Sue Dawson, when we're done with this. Is that how we're going to do this, Sam?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes. So, I see she's back.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: You did a great job, Bruce.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: There we go. Thank you. I've done this before a couple of times.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes, once or twice, right?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Do you get a raise in pay?

COMMISSIONER GREEN: I think so, George.

COMMISSIONER DROST: All right, great.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: You get zero times two.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Good thing somebody does.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: There you go. All right, Susan, take it away.

(Whereupon, at 8:04 p.m., the public hearing on the above-mentioned petition was adjourned.)

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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
PLAN COMMISSION

RE: SHELTER, INC. - 207-209 EAST VALLEY LANE - PC #21-015
SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A SHELTER CARE HOME, PARKING VARIATION

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had before the Village of Arlington Heights Plan Commission Meeting held virtually, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which permits the public to fully participate via their computers or using their phones, on the 22nd day of September, 2021 at the hour of 8:04 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUSAN DAWSON, Chairperson
BRUCE GREEN
JOE LORENZINI
JAY CHERWIN
JOHN SIGALOS
TERRY ENNES
GEORGE DROST
LYNN JENSEN

ALSO PRESENT:

SAM HUBBARD, Development Planner
HART PASSMAN, Village Attorney

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CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, well, are we ready for our next agenda item which is the Shelter, Inc. petition? Have all public notices been given?

MR. HUBBARD: They have, yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, and who do we have? Who are we swearing in? Do we have the Petitioners?

MR. HUBBARD: So, if the Petitioner's team could raise their hand, the Shelter, Inc. team, I will bring you in one by one to the panelist side.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Hi, everyone.

MR. HUBBARD: Good evening. So, I see only one hand raised and it looks like there are five of you in one account. So, is this the only account to bring in for this evening?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

MR. HUBBARD: All right.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, will all of you be, well, why don't we just swear all of you in since you're in the room together? That way we'll get done.

(Witnesses sworn.)

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, great. So, have you read the Staff report? I don't know that there's conditions, but just have you read the Staff report?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: We have.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Any questions about the Staff report at this time before we proceed?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: No.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, let's proceed with your presentation.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Great. Just one moment now. There we go.

Thank you, everyone, and thank you so much for being here tonight. My name is Carina Homann Santa Maria. I'm the executive director of Shelter, Inc., and it's my honor and privilege to talk about Shelter, Inc. here as the executive director but also as a resident of Arlington Heights.

As you know, Shelter, Inc. has been in our community since 1975. We are a licensed child welfare facility who offer many great programs within our community, within the northwest suburbs. We have a foster care program. We offer emergency group homes within our surrounding communities. We do a healthy family's child abuse prevention program, youth experiencing homelessness program, as well as a clinical program, but we're all here tonight to talk about our Transitional Living Program which has been in Arlington Heights since the late 1990's.

Our Transitional Living Program gives many of our young people here in our community something that they've never had, and that's a real chance at a successful and independent life.

MR. HUBBARD: Carina, I'm sorry to interrupt. We're not following your presentation. All we see is the main slide, the cover slide. Are you advancing through your presentation?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: I am.

MR. HUBBARD: We have a problem with your sharescreen.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Oh, no. Okay, let me see. Okay, do you

see that?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Okay, perfect. So, our Transitional Living Program offers services to youth who are 17.5 to 21 years old who are aging out of the foster care system. So, they are all wards of the state within DCFS custody; however, instead of emancipating from DCFS care, they actually get an opportunity to live with us for two years to learn independent living skills so that they can lead successful lives. So, currently, research and statistics show that kids aging out of foster care, within a year of aging out of foster care, half of them are either homeless, addicted to drugs, or dead. So, Shelter, Inc is literally saving lives of the kids that are within our program.

We have credentials on staff site which enforces accountability and behavioral requirements. So, I myself, I'm an LCSW. Gina Ciulla here, she's our Clinical Director. She's an LCSW who has also been here for 27 years. We have a treatment coordinator who's an LCPC. We have an MSW counselor who also works with them, an MSW candidate case manager, and everyone else in our staff except for our overnight resident has either a Bachelor's degree or a Master's degree. All of our licensed and credentialed staff go through a very vigorous screening through DCFS and background training as well. So, all of the youth are interacting with very professional mental health counselors.

We're also strengthening our community by helping our young residents become productive and independent adults. So, Shelter, Inc. and our Transitional Living Program is needed for the young people in and around our community who are facing abuse, neglect, and homelessness. So, a recent study by the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless showed that outside of Chicago Public School systems, the three areas of highest rates of homelessness within the school districts are actually Arlington Heights, Wheeling, and Palatine. We see that with several of our residents who have come to us, and if they weren't living with us they would be homeless.

We were founded by an Arlington Heights Police Chief in 1975 who saw that our youth in our community are also facing many difficulties. So, we are there to be a lifeline for many of the youth that we serve everyday. Then in nearly the 50 years since its founding, we have improved and saved the lives of thousands of children and families, especially in Arlington Heights.

So, how does our Transitional Living Program work? It is a two-year voluntary program for young people, again, 17 to 21, who want to achieve self-sufficiency. So, they identify themselves along with their case manager saying that I'm not ready to emancipate from the system yet because I know I have a lot to learn and I'm willing to learn that. So, they come to us, we have our screening tool that we're able to interview them. Gina and the case manager and the other clinicians interview each individual, and they identify who they believe would be a good candidate for our program.

They learn everything from laundry to financial literacy, cooking and cleaning, and they also attend school. So, they're currently in our area high schools, and also some of them are enrolled in college. They're also already working within our community, so they are working at places that you and I go to everyday, and we have been interacting with these youth for years and we don't even know that. So, they work at places like McDonalds, at Cooper's Hawk, and Jewel and Office Depot, again, places that all of us in our community go to everyday and are interacting with our youth.

So, the Transitional Living Program teaches these youth foundational lessons to these young people. With these lessons, they are able to learn independence and be successful independent adults. They join our program, again, voluntarily, they want to be able to live this normal and healthy productive life and they want to be better neighbors, co-workers and friends. So, TLP helps them make that goal a reality.

So, I want to share a story with you and I really hope this works because Christian is a youth currently in our program. Prior to coming to our Transitional Living Program, he actually lived with us for over a year at our boys group home in our facility in Palatine, and his story is very powerful. So, I hope this works, I'm going to try it.

Sam, if it doesn't, can you just shout that you can't see anything?

MR. HUBBARD: Sure.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Okay.

(Start of video presentation.)

CHRISTIAN'S VOICE ON VIDEO: I like football, wrestling, track. I love sports. I love outside. I love physical work. I also love reading. I was in the orphanage and then obviously I got adopted and we moved over here. I didn't know where I was going to go, I didn't know what I was going to do. I didn't really have much hope after my 18th birthday. There was a safety net of up to 18, but after that I didn't know what were the resources that I could pull for myself. So, I had no idea what I was going to do when I turned 18.

I'm definitely overwhelmed, stressed, stressed, anxious. Also very lonely. With coming to the TLP, obviously all the skills, all the life skills that I would learn, I finally, I kind of felt relaxed when I heard about it, like the stress was kind of relieved with a huge weight off my shoulders, which is the whole point of this program. They don't want you stuck in the same place for months on end. They want to teach you something and then build on after that, learn a skill that you would just build on.

The environment, I love talking about the legal system, about laws, it really clicked with me, like it can become a passion with me. So, that's why I want to do law, and the psychology is kind of just like an aspect of it that I think would benefit being a lawyer in a courtroom. I can have the goals that I want to have now because of TLP. I can think about finishing high school and then go to college. I can think about doing what I like, what career path I want to do or go down, and be comfortable with my situation.

My future looks a lot different because like a year, two years ago, I didn't think I would have a future. I had next to no hope. Everyone here is just trying to move forward in their life. Buying that house and moving to that house would be easier and better for us. We just want to finish high school and move out and get our own life started.

(End of video presentation.)

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Okay, I'm so glad that that worked because I really think it gives you an opportunity to see who our youth are. During our Conceptual Review process, Christian actually wrote in a letter that is part of public record and I really urge everyone to read it. He talks about how he's a kid that grew up in our backyard, right? He's from Lake Forest. If it wasn't for our program, he wouldn't know where he would be. He also talks about how great the program is and how it changes his life, how he has a case manager and staff who are there everyday to teach him the many skills that he wouldn't necessarily know how to do if it wasn't for them. So, again, it just really emphasizes how amazing our program is and how important it is to the people in our community.

Going back to talking about accountability, it is definitely key for our Transitional Living Program, right? We work with young people who have some difficult backgrounds, and so we want them to know that our program does hold them accountable. TLP is effective in part because of the strong accountability measures. So, again, we have qualified and state accredited staff who closely monitor all participants. We're also licensed by DCFS. We're a licensed child welfare facility but we also have a federal accreditation of the Council on Accreditation. We are, you know, we are subject to audits and we have many people who are coming in to our facilities such as the Fire Marshall, DCFS, and other state-funded or federal-funded agencies who come in to make sure that we are following all the requirements that are needed.

We also enforce a midnight curfew. If a young person isn't back at a certain time, we do have to notify DCFS. We'll talk a little bit more about that because that is, I know many people are concerned about the police calls, but that is the overwhelming majority to the police calls. So, really we're not any problem to the community.

So, road to independence, not only are TLP youth, are young people subject to behavioral accountability measures, but they are also required to meet certain financial responsibility milestones on the road to independence. So, this includes they need to have $500 in their bank account at all times. They have staffing every two weeks with their case manager and clinical team to show their pay stubs, to talk about their goals. The day that they come in, they're already planning for what is my life after this.

So, we have an allowance for them, and then during the two years that they're here, we actually also save money for them so when they do leave, we're able to give them a significant amount of money and help them launch into an independent living situation and help furnish their apartment or wherever the next stop is that they're going. We never have discharged somebody or a young person to a homeless shelter or to a place where they would be homeless. Our youth are always being launched or released into an independent living situation or living by themselves or living with family so they are always successful in moving forward with their plan. They also understand the real life consequences that they face if they don't comply with our standards and are forced to leave if necessary.

So, our Transitional Living Program has been operating in Arlington Heights since 2012. Prior to 2012, we were actually at older adolescent group homes. So, we've been in Arlington Heights since late 1990's, from the late 1990's to 2012, we are a group home, and we decided to change our plan into a Transitional Living Program. That decision was based to ensure that we had more structure and guidance for our young people, and we knew that having more of a Transitional Living Program method was important for our young people.

Now, unfortunately, where we're renting or where we have been renting, the property is for sale and we are not allowed to buy it. So, we need to find a new facility and move our young people. It's also a place where a home has more space and more modern safety features, and then this will allow more of our young people facing extreme difficulty to overcome their challenges and become more successful and productive members of our community.

Speaking of safety, safety is our number one priority at our Transitional Living Program. So, we take no chances with the safety of our young people, our neighbors, and our community. We enforce strict behavioral requirements for our participants, and if our residents don't comply, we then work with DCFS to have them removed from our

Transitional Living Program. We also take the health and wellbeing of our young people seriously, and we know that many of them are coming from a background of trauma and have a significant abuse or neglect and homelessness. So, we work really well with our clinical team to ensure that their safety needs are met as well.

So, again, roughly 90 percent of our police calls have been for curfew violations, mental health checks, and other non-criminal reasons. Earlier today, I did send to Sam to have uploaded a bigger breakdown of our police calls and what they were. From 2020 to 2021, there is a 96 percent decrease in our police calls and we have not had a single police call since February of 2021. We haven't had a single police call on any of the six residents that currently reside in the Transitional Living Program who would be moving to our new facility.

Since 2016, as Gina Ciulla took over as clinical director, she has implemented a lot of different screening tools and structure again in the program, and our police calls have actually dropped 75 percent. So, we have worked hard to make our program and neighborhood even safer by implementing enhanced screening and proactive accountability measures. We know that from that and then also being able to access now in 2020, we started accessing the child's historical case file, we're able to interview them and understand who would be a better fit for our program and who would really benefit from our Transitional Living Program.

We operate residential facilities in residential neighborhoods, and we have since the early 1980's. This is our expertise. We know how to do this. We have a girls home in Schaumburg that is smack dab in the middle of a residential neighborhood. You will probably hear letters of support from their neighbors who are very supportive of our Jennings Home and they say that it is a pride in their community and they are there for the holidays to make sure that our girls are happy and they really just have more of, they really understand what we're doing and are happy that we are part of the community.

The same goes for our Palatine home. We are in the middle of a residential facility. We are right in the middle of $500,000 to $600,000 homes and we are not fenced. We have not had any neighbor complaints, because we know what it's like to build a relationship with our community and our neighbors, and our neighbors also understand the importance of the work that we do in our community.

The girls home in Schaumburg was actually donated by the Village of Schaumburg, and the Village of Schaumburg is also paying for the renovations currently. The current and former mayors of Schaumburg, Tom Dailly and Al Larson, are both lifelong supporters of Shelter, Inc. We have a lot of great support from the police departments in both neighborhoods as well.

So, Arlington Heights, right, we hear this all the time, we are the Village of Good Neighbors. Our Mayor says it often. So, now it is that time to put our motto into action and show that we really are good neighbors. So, supporting this move and embracing the young people of our Transitional Living Program will help Arlington Heights positively impact our next generation and ensure the future success of our community.

So, I have one more story to share from Devine who is also a resident.

(Start of video presentation.)

DEVINE'S VOICE ON VIDEO: I came from a place where I wasn't really, like no one really wanted to take care of me. I kind of bounced around house to house to house,

and I really just didn't have a stable living environment. Once I came here, I felt like I can really do anything that I can set my mind to. They made me believe that I'm worthy. There's been times where, I feel like they're like family, like they're really like the family that I've never really had. They made me feel like I can do life.

I volunteered to come here because I see myself doing bigger things than I could ever think about doing. Everyone always tells me that I have this, like this spark to be, to make people smile. I love making people smile, I love making people's day. They always tell me like I see way better things for you, and over time you start to see that, you start to see what they see.

Now I feel like I was a new person. I can go out, do anything, be who I want to be. That's all thanks to the TLP showing me my value. Thank you for showing me that I'm more than I think I am. Thank you for always pushing me in the right direction. Thank you for always being there.

(End of video presentation.)

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Thank you so much for allowing me to share Devine's story. I think both Christian and Devine have a very powerful story, and I think it also puts in perspective the youth that we serve. I think that there's a large misconception of our young people, and I think that this shows the community that they are people that we interact with everyday and they're not someone that we, people that we should be afraid of but someone that we should really welcome and live with.

So, our next slides are about our special use criteria, and so David Bea, our attorney, will take over there.

MR. BEA: At the risk of repeating ourselves here, we want to make sure to cover these as they're a requirement for the special use. Your first factor is that the said special use is deemed necessary for the public convenience at this location. I think much of what Carina has just explained demonstrates why this is necessary for the public convenience at this location.

One, we have these kinds of youths in our community, and we have this need for these kinds of services in our community. It's ideal for them to be in a neighborhood situation and ideal for them to be near employment. It serves all of those goals, those life goals that the two young people shared that they have is consistent across all the people in the program. For those reasons, we think this program contributes to the overall welfare of the local community by helping a vulnerable population transition to responsible adulthood. The subject location is ideal for the special use because it is in a residential area and adjacent to commercial establishments which give the residents job opportunities within a short walking distance.

The second factor, I think there's been much emphasis so far on this one that this case will not under any circumstances of the particular case be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the persons residing or working in the city. You heard Carina explain the attributes of the program and the accountability, the quality of staff, the qualified staff I should say, well trained with appropriate counseling degrees and social worker degrees, licensure by the Department of Children and Family Services, the federal accreditation, inspections by the Fire Department and the DCFS, the midnight curfew, the behavioral accountability, the planning for their lives after the program, the fact that when they leave our program they go into good living situations, they don't go into homelessness or other disastrous

situations, the good neighbor relationships that our other homes have in their residential communities, and as Carina said, safety being the number one priority. All of that demonstrates that this will not be a danger to the safety, the health, the morals of the general welfare. On the contrary, it will actually enhance that, particularly for the people who are in the program. I think these young people are perhaps getting more help than the typical young person in a neighborhood, yes, in a regular family. So, in that sense, this is very supportive of the health, safety, morals of the community.

The third factor is that the proposed use will comply with the regulations and the conditions specified in the ordinance for such use with stipulations and conditions made part of the authorization granted by the Village Board of Trustees. Well, it's Shelter's pledge that they will indeed comply with the regulations and conditions based on whatever authorization the Village Board of Trustees gives. Most importantly, this will just operate as a residential home in a residential neighborhood, just like it is now, and really won't be noticed by the neighbors. That's our perspective on those factors.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Any questions? I'm sure a lot of questions.

COMMISSIONER DROST: What was your counsel's name?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: David Bea.

COMMISSIONER DROST: David Bay, B-a-y?

MR. BEA: No, B-e-a.

COMMISSIONER DROST: B-e-a, okay, David Bea. Thank you.

MR. BEA: You're welcome.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: If that concludes --

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I did have one follow-up -- oh, I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sorry. I was going to say if that concludes your presentation, we can move to the Staff, but if you wanted, did you want to, do you have a question, Jay?

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I just wanted to clarify one point. It was said that they are not allowed to buy the current property they're at, but I didn't hear kind of an explanation for that. If they could just clarify what that means, you're not allowed to buy the current property?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. So, our current property is 2.5 acres and it's for sale for over $2 million. So, therefore, we're not going to buy it.

MR. BEA: The individual house is not partitioned. It's sold as a single block which includes other buildings.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Okay, so it's more of a, I got you, I just, I heard it aloud, so I didn't know what that meant.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Oh, it's not, right, we meant --

MR. BEA: It's not feasible, it's not feasible.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes, yes.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Right, okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, thank you.

Then, Sam, would you please present the Staff presentation?

MR. HUBBARD: Sure, let me bring up my presentation. So, thank you, Chair Dawson.

So, as you've heard, the subject property is located on East Valley

Lane, 207-209 East Valley Lane, that is just east of the intersection of Valley Lane and North Arlington Heights Road. It's zoned R-6 which is a Multiple Family Residential Dwelling District. In our Comprehensive Plan, it's classified as single-family detached. The proposed use falls under the definition of a "sheltered care" home, and sheltered care homes are not permitted uses in the R-6 District. Therefore, the Petitioner needs to obtain a special use permit which is the reason why they are before the Plan Commission this evening.

They are also requesting two variations relative to parking, and I will outline those later. Relative to the Comprehensive Plan, while the proposed home is not aligning with the vision of single-family homes as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan, we would note that both single family home districts, two family home districts, and multiple family home districts all allow sheltered care facilities via special use permit approval. As such, we don't take any issue with the existing Comprehensive Plan designation and proposed use.

The Petitioner had undergone several actions that have gotten them to the point they are at this evening. They appeared twice before the Conceptual Plan Review, once in May and again in June. It was continued to allow discussion and public comment to conclude. There were some concerns expressed by the Conceptual Plan Review Committee during both meetings, especially in relation to compatibility of the facility to adjacent property uses, and the high volume of calls for police service that were generated from the existing TLP location on Golf Road. Ultimately, the Conceptual Plan Review Committee concluded that if the project were to move forward to the Plan Commission, that they would review it under the criteria for special use permit approval as outlined in the Zoning Code.

So, the Conceptual Plan Review Committee also recommended that the Petitioner hold a neighborhood meeting prior to appearing before the Plan Commission, which they did on August 24th. They sent out invitations to all property owners within approximately 750 feet of the property on Valley Lane. They held the meeting at the WynBurg Cafe. There was a summary of the meeting attached in the materials that went out to the Plan Commission.

I would mention that over the last week, we at the Village have received many petitions submitted by several residents that are within the required 250-foot public hearing notification radius surrounding this property. Their petition was in opposition to the Shelter, Inc. facility, and they cited that they were requesting a super majority vote at the Village Board due to their petition. I would note that the provision requiring a super majority vote at the Village Board level is only applicable during rezonings or times when the Village Code is being amended. It's not triggered by a special use permit application. So, the petitions were included in the materials provided to the Plan Commission, but I do want to note that there is no change to the voting procedures or, you know, there is no special procedure required for a super majority based on those petitions.

Here's an aerial of the area. You can see the subject property in the center outlined in yellow. You can see Rand Road and Arlington Heights Road to the left of the screen which is the west, north is to the top, and Valley Lane is across the middle of this aerial. You will notice to the north are single family residential areas. To the east and to the west are two-family dwellings, and to the south is the Northpoint Shopping Plaza. Directly to the south abutting is the drive-through lanes for the Chase ATMs and bank services.

Attached is the site plan. Let's see. In the area right here, you can see this is where the existing garage is located. Shelter, Inc. has proposed converting that

garage to additional living space; it would be storage and common space for the residents. That leaves two parking spaces and the driveway, which does not conform to code requirements, and again, I'll get into that a little bit later.

Here's the floor plan, again, showing this is the existing garage here converted into a common area and storage, and then the second floor unit. Each unit has three bedrooms. This is the second floor three-bedroom unit, and then the first floor three-bedroom unit, and then the common areas are on the first floor as well.

So, any time a special use permit application is received by the Village, Village Code requires that in order for approval to be granted, it must be demonstrated that the special use conforms to certain criteria necessary for approval. On the screen, the three criteria are summarized, and this was the lens that Staff used to analyze this project. It was not an easy project to analyze. We did struggle with our review here. There are a lot of moving parts to this application, a lot of different things to consider. But ultimately, Staff returned to these three criteria in our analysis as kind of the guiding principles and helped us to finalize our recommendation.

Perhaps the most notable is the second criteria here which I'll revisit later on, but as you've heard, you know, Shelter, Inc. has an existing facility on Golf Road here in Arlington Heights. So, as a means to analyze the impact that the proposed facility would have on the community, we looked at the characteristics of the existing facility. One of the areas we analyzed was the calls for police service.

So, as you've heard, over the last 10 years, there have been a significant number of calls for service, 553 approximately over the last 10 years. That equates to about four to five calls for service per month. Of those calls over the last 10 years, 358 related to runaways or missing persons which, as you've heard, Shelter, Inc. has to report a missing person if a resident does not return by the curfew time. This accounts for about 65 percent of the overall call volume over the last 10 years. About 21.5 percent were public service calls, so this relates to wellbeing checks, premise checks, information for police, et cetera. Then there were about 43, I'm sorry, 49 criminal incidents and public complaint calls. That's, you know, domestic disturbances, unwanted subjects, thefts, drug possession, et cetera. So, that kind of breaks down the last 10 years of call volume by the facility.

It should be noted that the proposed location would have 12 individuals. So, that's twice the size of the existing Golf Road facility. Therefore, we think it's a reasonable assumption that the calls for service would also double along with the occupancy of the facility. So, that would equate to approximately eight to 10 calls for service based on the last 10 years.

But as you've heard, Shelter, Inc. has been very proactive over the last several years in implementing strategies to reduce the number of calls for service by the police and to enable resolution of conflicts in the house without relying on outside assistance. So, this is evidenced by their CPI training, their think/trauma training, their enhanced screening, the establishment of clinical services for their residents, and all the things that they've been doing over the last five years to decrease their calls for service. Again, as they pointed out, the majority of their calls have been, over the last five years, also have been for curfew violations and mental health checks and not criminal-related reasons. They do acknowledge that there was a resident in 2020 that did have increased mental needs which did result in a higher volume of calls for service, but that resident, it was determined, could not get the appropriate services at

Shelter, Inc.'s TLP facility, so they're no longer in the program.

So, over the last five years, the calls for service have reduced by close to 75 to 80 percent. There have been only 97 calls for service over the last five years compared to 406 calls in the previous five years. However, as you can see from this graph, it is slowly trending upward. You can see that 2018, I'm sorry, 2020 had about 100 percent increase over 2016, about 300 percent increase from 2017. So, while, you know, we do acknowledge that the calls are trending downward for this year, for 2021, I believe there have been only two calls for service, we do still have concerns about the potential for the increase in total calls, especially with the doubling of resident capacity.

The chart on the bottom represents a breakdown of the types of calls. So, the Police Department also looked at the types of calls to help them better understand the level of police services that were needed by Shelter, Inc. Again, many of these calls are for curfew or runaway violations, but there are several other types of police calls for service generated by this facility. Again, public service calls relate to like, you know, wellbeing checks, or maybe a window or door was left open or something like that. Public complaint calls relate more to domestic services, like a suspicious car or an unwanted person on the site. Then, you know, criminal calls are self-explanatory, and then there's of course the curfew violations and missing person calls.

So, the primary concern here, I don't think is the capacity. From a capacity standpoint, you know, the Police Department is not concerned with the volume of calls. They have the capacity to respond to the Shelter, Inc. needs from them. But, you know, I think the concern from the Staff Development Committee is the impact that this number of calls for service would have on those that are living and working in the vicinity. You know, are these police cars showing up with sirens and lights? Are there, you know, is there a perception now that crime is increasing in the neighborhood because of additional police activity observed on the subject property? So, these are the things that the Staff Development Committee thought about in relation to the criteria for approval.

Again, I do want to point out that one of the reasons why the existing facility has been so successful with regards to the impact of police activity on those living and working in the vicinity, is a result of its location. So, on the left here, you can see the Golf Road facility. On the right here, you can see the proposed Valley Lane facility. You can see here the Golf Road facility is not located in close proximity to residential uses on all sides. Here we have a light industrial office use, there's more of an industrial commercial use to the back, and then of course commercial uses to the east. Then there is a single-family home about 315 feet to the north.

In comparison to the proposed facility, you can see two single family homes directly across the street about 120 to 130 feet away. Then on either side about 20 feet away are existing two-family homes, and then there are commercial areas to the south. So, when considering the number of police calls, the location of the subject property is directly abutting residential uses. In consideration also to the doubling of the size of the facility, the Staff Development Committee has concerns that the requested special use will be detrimental to the general welfare of those living and working in the vicinity.

Relative to the variations requested, they are requesting a variation to reduce the required parking from 10 spaces to two spaces, and a variation to waive the requirement for traffic and parking study. The Staff Development Committee does not take

issue with either of these variations. I mean, I think, ultimately, we don't support the use in this location, so the variations are somewhat irrelevant from that standpoint. But if the Plan Commission does find that the petition meets the necessary criteria for approval, the Staff Development Committee does not take issue to the two parking variations.

The reason that they're required to have 10 parking spaces is because from a use parking standpoint, it's classified as a dormitory. Dormitories would require 10 parking spaces. Obviously, this isn't exactly a dormitory. Residents cannot park cars on the site. So, really, the only cars that are going to be coming and going are going to be the two staff members that would be present, plus any as-needed staff who, you know, can be accommodated on street parking.

We don't anticipate this to create a parking or traffic problem. So, again, the Staff Development Committee is not opposed to the parking variations. However, one of the items we were concerned with was the subject property and location to public transportation. One of the items that the Golf Road facility had going for it was that it was in a good location relative to public transportation. Because the residents of Shelter, Inc., you know, are not allowed to store cars on the subject property, it's important that they have good access to public transportation. Again, the Golf Road facility was close to two Pace bus routes. It was also, or is within the Pace Call and Ride On Demand transportation service.

The proposed facility is not within the Pace Call and Ride transportation service. It is not within walking distance of any Pace bus routes. The only means to get to a job or to school, if you're not relying on a friend or a family member, would be through Uber or Lyft. So, we do not think that the location is ideal relative to public transportation, and the Staff Development Committee does have some concerns there.

So, to conclude, as Staff sees it, there are three potential options on the table. The first option would be to approve the special use permit as requested. Under this scenario, the Plan Commission would find that all the criteria for approval have been met. The Plan Commission would need to evaluate and determine if the high volume of police calls have decreased over the last five years to levels that really aren't detrimental to the safety, morals and general welfare of the people living and working in the vicinity, and that the majority of the calls relate to curfew violations which don't normally result in a police car being dispatched to the site, and therefore despite the increase in the size of the facility, that calls would not really be detrimental to those living and working in the vicinity. Finally, the Plan Commission would need to find that the lack of public transportation options do not have a substantially negative impact on the facility at this location.

The second option would be denying the special use permit as requested. In this scenario, the Plan Commission would not find that all of the special use approval criteria have been met. Specifically, the Plan Commission would need to determine that the high volume of calls for police service is detrimental to the safety, morals and general welfare of persons residing in the vicinity. While the existing location is successful due to its relative seclusion from adjacent residential uses, placing this facility directly abutting residential uses on each side would increase the likelihood for detrimental neighborhood interactions and also cause calls for police service at this location to be more impactful on surrounding property owners. I think it's a reasonable assumption that increase in occupancy would cause an increase in the number of police calls, and the Plan Commission would have to agree.

The final option would be to approve the special use permit but with

restrictions, finding that limitations on the facility would allow it to conform to the necessary approval criteria for a special use permit. Specifically in this instance, Staff would recommend one of the restrictions be that the facility be restricted to one resident per bedroom, that would have a capacity of six residents total as opposed to the 12 proposed. You know, the Plan Commission would need to find that if each resident had their own space and privacy, it would assist in reducing conflicts in the house and thereby reducing calls for service, and then protecting and preserving the safety, morals, and general welfare of people living and working in the vicinity. It would also allow for a facility that's more comparable in size to a typical household in the area relative to occupancy if the facility was limited to six occupants total.

A list of potential additional restrictions Staff has prepared and included as part of the Staff report, but as proposed, the Staff Development Committee cannot support the requested special use permit. Again, if the Plan Commission does find that approval criteria has been met, Staff would recommend that the approval be subject to the eight conditions as outlined here. That being said, I conclude the Staff presentation.

I would note that I do have, when we do get to public comments, I have multiple e-mails from several of the residents that do need to get read into the record, but at this point, I will turn it back over to you, Chair Dawson. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Great. Thank you, Sam.

Do we have a motion to approve the Staff presentation?

COMMISSIONER DROST: I'll move.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I'll second.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, roll call? Sam, roll call?

MR. HUBBARD: Sorry, yes.

Commissioner Green.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, I know we've --

COMMISSIONER ENNES: You missed me.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes, I'm sorry.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, now do have everybody?

All right, so I know we've quite a few people in the audience.

Commissioners, do we want, does anybody have initial questions before we go to public commentary, or should we go straight to public commentary?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Sue, when you go to public commentary, should we let Sam read in all the ones that he's received first before you actually go to hearing from folks for public commentary?

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sure, we can.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I think that makes sense.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: We can. I just want to --

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I think it makes sense because you might hear a lot of the same things that are going to be said in person.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes. I just want to know if there's any questions from the Plan Commissioners before; I know we have a tendency to like to hear from the public first.

So, agreed?

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Agree.

COMMISSIONER DROST: As long as there's an orderly --

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, so we are going to then go to public commentary, but before we do so, because we have such a large number in the audience, we just want to make sure we've clarified for everyone how the public commentary period and section works. Just a couple of general housekeeping recommendations before we go for it.

Commissioner Jensen, I think that's a great idea that we read in the e-mails that Sam needs to read in the record, unless you object, Sam. The reason for that being that we do ask that people coming for public comment do not make the same points over and over. We have heard them, we do listen. You can simply state that you agree with what previously has been stated. I'm not saying that you must do that, it's not a rule, but this is what we request just in the interest of time. State that you agree and kind of maybe a bullet point without reiterating the whole statement.

We do ask that commentary be limited to approximately three minutes. Only one public comment should be made at a time. Once you've made your comment, then we'll ask you to sit down and let the next public commenter come up. We won't be responding or asking questions, et cetera; maybe in a rare situation, but generally we'll listen to everything first, then we'll close public commentary, and then we'll begin with our questions.

Before you speak, we do ask that you state your name and spell your last name for the record. We do ask for your address but that is optional. You are not required to provide that.

Sam, did I miss anything?

MR. HUBBARD: You've covered it.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, I would suggest that if you, Chairman Dawson, sort of identify any questions that seem to be repetitive, that you can make note of that or at least advise the audience that that's been asked and answered.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Very good point, yes. I do make note, as people are making comments, I make notes to try to make sure that they're all addressed.

COMMISSIONER DROST: And try to get them into the categories of, you know, what might be the concerns or what might be the supportive statements as well.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, yes.

All right, so with that, we will open up public commentary. Again,

before we go to calling from the audience, Sam, why don't you go through and read those items into the record?

QUESTIONS FROM AUDIENCE

MR. HUBBARD: Sure.

The first e-mail says: It is my intention to inform you of my support for Shelter, Inc. and the mission of their work, the work that is occurring right outside my home. I am a neighbor of Shelter, Inc. Jennings Home for Girls in Schaumburg. Knowing that the Jennings Home is in the heart of my neighborhood has brought nothing but pride in my community. Jennings Home and the services it provides is a blessing to our community and it explicitly and positively impacts the outcomes of individuals it serves. Jennings Home for Girls has had a lasting and grand impact on all community members. The decision to allow for additional levels of services and support within your community should be a very simple one. Please understand that by not moving forward with the TLP's relocation in Arlington Heights would be a great disservice to the Village of Arlington Heights. Thank you. Teresa Grant, neighbor of Jennings Home for Girls.

Second e-mail: Hello, I object to the 207-209 East Valley Lane Shelter, Inc.'s special use variation request. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Was there an address to that comment?

MR. HUBBARD: There was not, no, just via e-mail. Third e-mail: I object to the 207-209 East Valley Lane Shelter, Inc.'s special use variation request.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sam, do you have names? Should you be reading the name into the record?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Names are redacted, yes?

MR. HUBBARD: They're not including their names on the e-mails. I mean, I can read out e-mail addresses.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Maybe read out the e-mail address so that's in the record.

MR. HUBBARD: Sure.

For the second one, that e-mail address was vadimjen@gmail.com. For the third one, it was jenshecterle@gmail.com.

E-mail number four: I wanted to offer some words in support of the Transitional Living Program's move to a new home here in Arlington Heights. I understand why people who don't know much about the TLP might have questions or concerns about the move. However, the truth is that this program is a positive force for change in young people's lives. The youths in this program are all there by choice and they're held accountable at every step of the way. This means conduct rules, curfews, financial responsibilities, and personal responsibility milestones that each youth must meet to continue in the program. These requirements help these kids transition into young adults who can be contributors in our community. In fact, many of them already have jobs in and around the area. You may have seen and had positive encounters with these young people without even knowing they were part of the TLP. Approving this move would send a message to these youths that we are a welcoming and inclusive community that truly believes in the idea of being good neighbors. Society didn't give these kids much of a chance when they were younger. We have the opportunity to give them one now.

Let's give them that chance and help keep them on track by approving their move. Please support the TLP. Regards, Joyce Slavik.

E-mail number five: I oppose the special use permit variance for Shelter, Inc. I am a neighbor and purchased this property because of the neighborhood. Shelter, Inc. claims that this variance will not change the neighborhood, but that is the exact definition of a variance, the fact or quality of being different, divergent or inconsistent. They will have more residents than they have ever had before. They admit to having issues with curfew violations. There isn't anything they can do about it because their residents are adults. Even if there are no issues with Shelter, Inc., I do not like the precedent being set by this variance. There are several duplexes in a row on Valley. If the variance is allowed for this group, the precedent has now been set that these duplexes can become other things. What's next? A homeless shelter? A methadone clinic? I understand communities need places like Shelter, Inc., but communities also need hospitals and grocery stores, but we don't put those in the middle of a neighborhood. It doesn't belong here, plain and simple. This neighborhood is not the right place for this home and is not a good fit for this neighborhood. Darcy Moder.

Next e-mail: Hello, I live nearby on Pinetree Drive and have concerns about this development. In addition to zoning concerns, this neighborhood is a great place for family and children. I am concerned about the additional risks this could cause. I am not in favor of it moving forward. It could be a good idea, but not in this location. Chuck.

Next e-mail: Dear Mr. Hubbard, I'm a long-term resident of Arlington Heights. I'm writing to voice my support for the proposed move of Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program to a new home to allow this program to provide more modern services to its clients. I believe it is important for our community to do what we can to support young people in need. This will create a stronger future for us all. I'm also aware that many of this program's clients are part of the LGBTQ+ community. As an ally of that community, I further support whatever this organization can do to help young people in need. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Francine Noring.

Next e-mail: My name is Michael Froemming. I've lived at 414 East Knob Hill Drive for 24 plus years. I oppose the variance to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code for rezoning of the property at 207-209 East Valley Lane. I oppose because Shelter, Inc. hasn't been straightforward with the neighborhood or Village regarding the property use. They've sugarcoated everything from occupancy and police calls reported at their last residence. They stated it would be for six to 12 people excluding supervisors. Each unit has three bedrooms, so what's the number. Shelter, Inc. says they'll screen the people residing at the property. If that's true, Shelter, Inc. should be held accountable including the individual to any problems that may occur, including criminal charges. This variance should be treated like any other resident asking for a variance. Is this shelter considered a residential home in this residential area? Once a variance like this is accepted, it will have implications on future applicants asking for the same type of variances. If this passes, I'd hope every Board and Village member would open their arms if not offer to a facility like this on their residential block. Michael Froemming.

Next e-mail: Mr. Hubbard, as per instructions on the online agenda, I wish to make this e-mail a part of the public record. My husband and I have been residents of the Ivy Hill neighborhood for 30 years. We live on Ivy Lane approximately two blocks from the proposed property on Valley Lane. We attended the meeting held by Shelter, Inc. in August, and after doing so we are confident in Shelter, Inc.'s TLP program and have no concerns with

them putting their TLP program in our neighborhood. The young adults in this program have applied to be there. They are pre-screened by Shelter, Inc. They have more rules, curfews, and support by professional staff than most young adults in our own neighborhood. They're held accountable by Shelter, Inc. These are young people who are working hard to make a better life for themselves. While they are a part of this program, they attend school, have jobs, and learning life skills. This allows them to continue on a path to advance their education or further their job skills so as to live as independent and successful adults. We wholeheartedly support Shelter, Inc.'s TLP on Valley Lane. Barb and John Lazzara, 310 East Ivy Lane.

Next e-mail: As long-time residents of Arlington Heights, we ask you to support the special use permit for Shelter to operate their Transitional Living Program that has been functioning successfully and safely in Arlington Heights for nearly a decade. The new facility will allow more young people facing extremely difficult circumstances to overcome abuse, neglect, abandonment and homelessness to become productive members of our community. Thank you for your consideration and support. Gus and Mary Jane Bender, 715 South Bristol Lane.

Next e-mail: To whom it may concern, I'm writing as a longstanding resident of Arlington Heights who chose to build our home and send our children to the amazing School District 25. We chose Arlington Heights because of its sense of community and its family friendly culture. It's because of these two qualities that I wrote to you to declare my support of Shelter's Transitional Living Program. While some of the community may be scared of the unknown of TLP, I will share with you what I do know. I know that the children in these homes voluntarily are making an effort to do better in their community for themselves. They are given the support, resources and opportunity to make healthy choices. This community and, therefore, this home will be able to give them that safe environment for them to thrive. I hope we choose to raise not only ourselves but those around us. I believe in Arlington Heights and the power of this community for the children in Shelter's TLP home. Thank you. Kristine Regan.

To whom it may concern, I, Judith Froemming, live near the property at 207-209 East Valley Lane. I oppose the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code for rezoning. I've lived in this neighborhood for 24 years. It's a great, safe, single-family home community. I have a variety of concerns about this variance. Mainly, I am concerned with my safety due to the excessive number of calls Shelter, Inc. generates in a year's time, and the behavior of the population living at the residence. If the number of residents doubles to 12, the number of police calls will most likely increase also. This is not the type of increased activity we want in the neighborhood. The variance code states that if the variance is issued, it cannot change the character of the neighborhood nor jeopardize the safety and wellbeing of residents who live and work there. Both the character and the safety of the neighborhood will be negatively impacted if this variance is allowed. I'm also concerned for the welfare of the children that use Valley Lane to walk to and from school and those who take buses to area schools. These are just a few of my concerns. Sincerely, Judith Froemming, 414 East Knob Hill Drive.

Next e-mail: Dear Mr. Hubbard, I'm writing today in support of Shelter, Inc.'s move of its Transitional Living Program to a new location in Arlington Heights. It's easy to dismiss young people who have struggled in life as a bad element. The truth is that the youths in the TLP are just the opposite. They are young people who want to succeed in life, youths who want to overcome challenges rather than succumb to them. These are kids who had the humility and the desire to better themselves which led them to the TLP in the first place.

Now, we in Arlington Heights have our own decision to make. We can live up to our aspirational goal of being good neighbors and accept these youths into our community, or we can succumb to our prejudices and biases and dismiss these young people based on misinformation and inaccurate stereotypes. As a resident of Arlington Heights, I hope we choose the first path, and I look forward to welcoming our new neighbors and seeing the great strides they'll make as valued members of our community. Janet McDonnell.

Next e-mail: I'm writing to affirm Shelter, Inc.'s desire and commitment to meeting the housing needs in the northwest suburbs. They are already serving the Arlington Heights community, and this project would help them serve the growing needs for housing. I have spent most of my career providing professional services to non-profits, especially those specializing in kinds of housing: SOFs, TIFs, affordable housing, Chicago low income housing programs, et cetera, and the law's experience of these entities have been excellent in general due to the policies, procedures and commitment of staff to the safety of all residents and community. The youths of the program are all there by choice and they're held accountable at every step of the way. This means conduct rules, curfews, financial responsibilities, and personal responsibility milestones that each youth must meet to continue the program. These requirements help these kids transition into young adults who can be contributors in our community. In fact, many of them already have jobs in and around the area. You may have even seen and had positive encounters with these young people without even knowing they were part of the TLP. The addition of a new beautiful building will add substantially to the curb appeal and tax base, too. Please give them your approval to proceed. Thank you. Linda D. Palm.

Next e-mail: Mr. Hubbard, we want to voice our objection to the proposed shelter for transitional youths. A residential family neighborhood is not the appropriate venue for this type of shelter. The downside risks overwhelmingly exceed any upside. We ask that the Village of Arlington Heights deny any variance for a permit for the Shelter. Regards, Michael and Rosa DiMarco, 1210 East Crabtree Drive.

Next e-mail: I object to the 207-209 East Valley Lane Shelter, Inc. special use variation request. I live in the Ivy Hills Subdivision of Arlington Heights with my two children who attend Ivy Hill School. The transitional housing plan for Valley Lane would be less than half a mile from the elementary school and Camelot Park. The residents of the transitional housing are being offered a second chance opportunity for developmental growth by living with life coaches as these residents lack basic life skills. We are not opposed to social programs to help those young adults who would live in transitional housing, but we strongly believe this type of business development does not belong in close proximity to both an elementary school, the Futabakai Elementary and Middle School, and a community park. In addition, this shelter is a business and consequently should be housed in a business or commercial zoned area and not housed in any Arlington Heights residential community. Please vote no on this permit. Thank you. Angela Sisi, 1214 East Crabtree Drive.

Next e-mail: I am writing this e-mail to you in strong support of the Crescent Place affordable housing project on Rand Road and Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program for young people. Both of these projects merit inclusion in our community. They will provide the supports needed to maintain independent, self-sufficient residents of our great village as well as open the doors to more needed diversity. I've lived in Arlington Heights for the past six years and attended the First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights. We love

boldly and work tirelessly to support fair share equality. Now is the time to step up and vote your conscience. To quote Shirley Chisholm, "If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair." Thank you in advance for your consideration in advancement of these important housing projects. Diane Lubarski, 1361 Village Drive, Arlington Heights.

Next e-mail: Dear Arlington Heights Plan Commissioners, as both a resident and a landlord on East Valley Lane, I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed zoning change and the current plans to open a shelter for abused young adult men at 207 East Valley Lane. Our neighborhood currently supports a diverse community made up of single-family homes, duplexes, and an apartment complex. Adding the additional burden of 12 young adult males and their caregivers into one duplex will further add to the density of this area and create huge negative consequences for our neighbors, our children, and our property values. This is uncharted territory for the Shelter as they have never had more than eight young adults living in one residence, and I believe they have six living at their current location. To experiment with a 33 percent increase from their previous largest total of young adult males living in one place and to insert it into a residential area with a school down the block cannot be construed as highest and best use for this property. I'm not against the Shelter's mission and appreciate what they're trying to do for these young adults, but they already have a home. The risks and uncertainties far outweigh any possible benefits in this scenario. Respectfully submitted, Alan Gould.

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Next e-mail: Dear Sam, as a resident of Arlington Heights of 14 years, I object to the 207-209 East Valley Lane Shelter, Inc. special use variation request. Thank you for listening to us. Nadya Frid.

Dear Sam, as a resident of Arlington Heights of 14 years, I object to the 207-209 East Valley Lane Shelter, Inc. special use permit variation request. Sincerely, Ilya Fishman.

Let's see. Next e-mail: I'm writing this to inform you of my strong support of Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program in Arlington Heights. I have been an educator in District 214 for 30 years and have taught many of Shelter, Inc.'s adolescents throughout my tenure. The positive life-enacting influences that Shelter provides to these TLP teens is imperative to the development and growth, imperative to succeed in society. This program affords these boys an opportunity to thrive as productive young adults, enabling them to

contribute to the community in the future. I have witnessed first-hand numerous amazing success stories as a result of the support, care, guidance and counseling of TLP. The evolvement of the adolescents into positive role models and citizens is cultivated from the moment they enter TLP and sustains into their future adult maturation. I staunchly support Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program in every aspect of community development and firmly believe this is an extremely positive venture for Arlington Heights. Sincerely, Carol V. Treslo.

Next e-mail: We object to the 207-209 East Valley Lane Shelter, Inc. special use variation request. This property within the boundary of Ivy Hill School is of concern to neighbors and parents of Ivy Hill schoolchildren because of its proximity to the school which is a few blocks away down Valley. Children that live on that block walk to school, and although it may seem unfair, it makes parents uneasy to have the Shelter, Inc. program in that location. Shelter, Inc.'s goal with the location is to serve more participants. We feel that the needs of the young people that are served in this program would do best in a situation with around six people, and it would be less daunting for a neighborhood to absorb such a program. Please vote no to this variance. Gail and Sheldon Galster, 25 West Brookwood Drive, 38-year residents.

Next e-mail: Please share my bullet points below. I have concern on the 50 plus calls for assistance, police, fire, et cetera, from the previous location. Can detail be provided as to the reasons, time of day, et cetera? This location is down the street from the elementary school where last year there was an assault of a student on their way to school. This may add some context to the cautiousness of the neighborhood along with neighbors arguing about this proposal versus supporting this home. Regarding parking spots, these zoning rules are put in place for various reasons: safety, traffic, overcrowding, et cetera. While I do understand it was indicated many do not have cars and a variance is not needed, however, I assume these transitional homes help provide an individual to get on their feet and that may mean getting a car, so this may be counterintuitive. This area of Valley and Arlington Heights Road at times is also very congestive and difficult to make a left-hand turn. I do think there should be high visibility to the comments by residents who live in viewing distance of these locations and should have significant weight to their concerns for someone who lives three miles away. Sincerely, Donny Obarra, Jr.

I think that is the last e-mail.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, how do you want to proceed with the public commentary? Should we, Sam, do we show hands? How do we do this virtually?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes, so anyone on the public side who wants to make a comment, please click the Raise Your Hand feature in Zoom and I'll bring you in. Once you're brought into the panelist side of Zoom, it will ask you to unmute yourself and you can activate your camera. Once you've successfully unmuted yourself, you can give your public comment, and then you'll be placed back into the attendee side of Zoom. Then we will go on to the next commenter.

If you've called in by phone, you can dial *9 and it will raise your hand in Zoom so I can add you to the speaking queue. Otherwise, if you've joined via the Internet, you can just click the Raise Your Hand feature in Zoom and I will identify you and bring you over to the panelist side.

Let's start with the first individual with their hand raised. I'm seeing Keith Moens. Mr. Moens, I'm going to bring you in to the panelist side. You can unmute yourself and provide your comment, and then I will bring you back into the attendee side.

Mr. Moens, you're unmute. If you would like to give your public comment?

MR. MOENS: Thank you, Sam. Am I on?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. MOENS: Thank you. Thank you, Chairwoman Dawson, for allowing me to speak tonight. I appreciate that.

I am in total support of this project. I think it's going to be great. My name is Keith Moens, M-o-e-n-s. I live in Arlington Heights. I again support this project very much. I'm proud to have it here to give these kids some support. I think this concern over the police calls is understandable, but it looks like these folks have gotten that under control, they're trending downward on that and they know how to work with that. So, I'm in support of this project, thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you, Mr. Moens. I'm going to bring in the next individual with their hand raised. I'm going to bring in Sandy Bourseau. Sorry, I'm sure I'm butchering your last name there, but Zoom should now be asking you to join the panelist side and unmute yourself. Once you do so, you can provide your name and address if you'd like for the public record, and then provide your public comment.

MS. BOURSEAU: It's Bourseau, but you were pretty close, B-o-u-r-s-e-a-u. My address is 151 West Wing Street here in Arlington Heights.

I sent an e-mail which didn't get read, but there are so many good things in those e-mail, the supportive ones. I think it's a wonderful program.

The only thing I'm going to add quickly is I bet given a chance, the residents, these young people working in the program there at the house, they would quickly dispel a lot of this fear that I'm hearing expressed in these e-mails. So, I wish and I hope that they'll get a chance to do that. So, thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay, next, I see an Ann Gillespie and I bring you in to the panelist side of Zoom. You can unmute yourself and provide your name and spell your last name for the court reporter, add your address if you'd like, and then you can provide your public comment.

MS. GILLESPIE: Hi, I am Ann Gillespie, G-i-l-l-e-s-p-i-e. I live in the Heritage Park neighborhood which is the area that was commented as being just to the north of the current Shelter, Inc. facility.

The current Shelter facility is, as I said, near my home, it's near Heritage Park and Juliette Low Elementary School. We have not in our neighborhood had any issues with the Shelter, Inc. program. In fact, I think most of my neighbors do not even realize that it's there. It looks to be the home associated with the owners of the former Animal Feeds & Needs, and I think that's what most people thought it was all this time.

I have had the opportunity to visit one of their shelters that was mentioned in another community. It is just in the same proximity to other single-family homes as the current proposed location. Again, you've heard some e-mails and letters from folks that live around that area that have not experienced any issues with it.

The requirements that the residents live under in this program are more structured than many of the young people that live in my neighborhood today. They have responsibilities that I think bode well for their development. They have, the staff has demonstrated their adaptability and quick response to issues as evidenced by the changes in

the police calls and all the criteria that have been there. The transition that we're trying to help these kids move through is to launch them into a successful adult life. If they never have the opportunity to be integrated into community living, then how are they going to be successful at doing that?

I really think this is a good program. My understanding is that it was founded or at least an early proponent of it was a former Arlington Heights Police Chief, and I think he was on the right track here and I'd like to see the community continue to support it. Thank you for the time.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comments. Okay, I am going to bring in a participant with the name Wells. Wells, you're being added to the queue to speak. Zoom should be asking you to unmute yourself. Once you're in, if you can state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter and provide your address if you'd like, and then you can proceed with your public comment.

Wells, I see that you're in. I see that you're muted though. Wells, you're in. Okay, now I see you're unmuted. Can you speak?

MR. NOVACK: Yes, my name is Joe Novack. I'm an attorney, I live directly across the street from the subject property. I'm here with my associate Mr. Wells. I wanted to reiterate that the Staff Development Committee, after substantial review, has concluded that they cannot support the proposed special use. I think that's should be determinative of this issue; however, there's numerous other issues that should be pointed out.

The Plan Commission itself on 9/22/21 in the cover sheet on the website said they could not support this. Again, on September 17th on the website, they reiterated that they cannot support this proposal. There's numerous e-mails. I'll defer to my associate here, Cathy, to delineate the number of e-mails just for emphasis here. Cathy, can you do that?

MS. VAUGHN: I can do it, if I can use the screen?

MR. NOVACK: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Hi, Cathy. Could you state your name and spell your last name for the court reporter?

MS. VAUGHN: Yes, Catherine Vaughn, C-a-t-h-e-r-i-n-e, last name Vaughn, V-a-u-g-h-n. I currently live on East Knob Hill Drive within 500 feet of the proposed facility property.

So, I just want to make a comment because we were a bit confused as to how you chose which e-mails you'd put into the record. The Village posted two different documents. One was a pre-Conceptual Plan Review Committee meeting document that contained 53 e-mails covering 69 pages. The second document was called post-Conceptual Review Plan Committee meeting and it had 80 e-mails in it for a 122 pages. So, there were a total of 133 e-mails. There were 43 opposition e-mails. There were 58 e-mails that were in support that provided an address, but of those 58, the average distance from the proposed property was more than 3.2 miles from our neighborhood. There were 28 support e-mails that were submitted with no address for reference, and then there were four e-mails in support from residents living in Ivy Hill.

So, I wanted to ask how you chose which e-mails you reported into the record.

MR. HUBBARD: So, is that your public comment? It's not intended to be a

question and answer between Staff and the Petitioner or the public and Staff and the Petitioner. So, you can make your comment. The Plan Commissioners are taking notes as far as what items they'd like to follow up with Staff or the Petitioner on, but you can make your comment and then we'll go to the next person. Your comment seems to be a question about how the e-mails were categorized.

MS. VAUGHN: Okay, well, I'll rephrase because everything I just said went on to the record. The call is recorded, no need to repeat it. You read about 20 e-mails and there were 133 submitted. So, now I'll turn it back over to Mr. Novack.

MR. NOVACK: Again, I just want to reiterate that your own Staff Development Committee on numerous occasions has stated that they cannot support this proposed use. I respectfully request that you defer to your own committee and follow suit in light of all the opposition that's come to your attention and that of the Village Clerk, the numerous e-mails in opposition as well as 339 signatures in opposition that was filed with the Village Clerk.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your public comment. I will bring in the next individual. I'm bringing in a Melissa Cayer. Melissa Cayer, you should be added to the panelist side and you should be able to unmute yourself and make your public comment.

MS. CAYER: Hello, Melissa Cayer, C-a-y-e-r, Arlington Heights. Is the current residence in the tax increment finance district?

MR. HUBBARD: Is that your comment?

MS. CAYER: I was wondering, is the current residence in the tax increment finance district?

MR. HUBBARD: No, I don't believe it is. No.

MS: CAYER: How far is it from the tax increment finance district?

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Wait. Just again to clarify, this isn't a question and answer period. You could ask, you could list the questions you'd like to be answered as far as your public commentary. We'll make a note of them and address them, but it's not intended to be a direct questioning of Staff at this time. So, go ahead and read through your questions, we'll make a note.

MS. CAYER: Okay, I think it is at least very near to the tax increment finance district which is right across the street from Jewel Osco, which, you know, it's hundreds of feet away. Yet the property is going for $2 million? What is going on here?

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you, Mrs. Cayer, for your comment. Okay, I have a Wendy Dunnington I'm going to bring into the panelist side. Wendy, once you arrive on the site, would you please unmute yourself, give your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and give your address if you'd like.

MS. DUNNINGTON: Hi, my name is Wendy Dunnington. It's spelled D as in David, u-n-n-i-n-g-t-o-n. My address is 530 South Chestnut Avenue in Arlington Heights.

I'm calling in support of the new development for Shelter, Inc. I think it sounds like a great addition to our community. The only thing I wanted to add that's different than what other people have said is that the Staff is concerned that there isn't a lot of public transportation options in that area. I just want to highlight that it's a very walkable area in regards to the amount of employment opportunities and restaurants, banking, and lots of services that would be in the area that those residents could easily get to without public transportation. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. All right, I'm going to bring in a Jolanta

Szymanska. Okay, no, they un-raised their hand. I'm going to bring in a, I'm sorry, no, their hands -- wait. No, their hand keeps going up and down. All right, I'm going to bring in a Dennis. Dennis, you're being promoted to the panelist side. Please provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and your address if you would like, and then your public comment. Dennis, you're in.

MR. PETROSFER: Can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. PETROSFER: Hi, my name is Dennis Petrosfer. I live on Ivy Hill, or Ivy Lane, sorry. I'm in opposition of the project. You know, it's okay to have it, you know, in non-residential areas, I'm okay with that, but to put it in an area with kids and schools and houses, you know, 20 feet nearby, it's just not something I can be in support of.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment.

MR. PETROSFER: Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Okay, I have a Carrie Estrada, I'm going to bring you in. Carrie, Zoom should be bringing you in to the panelist side. You can unmute yourself, please provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and if you'd like you can provide your address.

MS. ESTRADA: Hi, my name is Carrie Estrada and I work in Arlington Heights. I've been a licensed clinical social worker for 20 plus years, and a majority of which I spent working with kids living through childhood trauma. I've worked residential care. I've worked for DCFS. I've been a think child and family therapist, and in the past eight years I was the clinical director at the Children's Advocacy Center supporting kids who have been exposed to violence.

I'm currently the executive director at Northwest Casa, an agency in Arlington Heights who supports survivors of sexual violence. I've worked with young people like the ones that we saw in the video who will be residing at this TLP, hundreds and hundreds of kids like this. They are awesome and they're the most resilient humans that you all will ever meet. They may have problems, who wouldn't without a stable childhood, but it is unconscionable to block these young people from what they need to thrive and build a fruitful life for themselves.

Furthermore, they'll be doing this under the skilled guidance of Shelter, Inc. who has decades of success with such vulnerable young people. These young people will e required to work a program and live by the established house rules. There will be trained staff people available 24/7 literally getting paid for the success of these kids.

It is without hesitation I support this TLP. Arlington Heights has an opportunity to end intergenerational trauma for a select group of young people. I'll be following closely to see the value Arlington Heights places on survivors of childhood trauma. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. Okay, I am going to bring in a phone number here. I'm going to bring in a phone number with the last four digits of 0597. So, phone number 0597, Zoom should be asking you to unmute yourself via the phone. I see you're unmuted, if you'd like to give your name, spell your last name for the court reporter and your address if you'd like, and then provide your public comment.

MS. MOSQUEDA: Hi, this is Cheryl Mosqueda, M-o-s-q-u-e-d-a. I live at 2360 East Bradshire Court in Arlington Heights. I've been a resident of Arlington Heights over 30 years, and I love our community.

Shelter's TLP program for 17 to 21-year-olds are for young people who want to live healthy and productive lives. They want to learn the skills needed to do so through this voluntary program. So, if we have the ability to help these young people by approving the relocation, I wholeheartedly support the Commissioners and the Village Board in approving it. This program exists for all the right reasons, and I hope that we continue to show our support. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay, I'm going to bring in a Miel Johnson. All right, I do see that you're in.

MS. JOHNSON: Can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MS. JOHNSON: Okay, so my name is Miel Johnson. My first name is Miel, M as in Mary, i-e-l. My last name is Johnson. I'm the board director for political action for the League of Women Voters of Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, and Buffalo Grove area. Since our inception in 1920, the League of Women Voters has advocated for policies to reduce poverty and promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families.

Shelter, Incorporated does just that, teaching at-risk youth the skills many of us take for granted. These young people enter this program voluntarily because they want to become independent and productive members of our community. Shelter, Incorporated has been a good neighbor for more than a decade to Arlington Heights. Now that they want to move to a larger space so they can continue to support at-risk youth, we need to be good neighbors and approve this zoning variance. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay, I'm going to bring in a Philip Geier. Once you're in, Zoom should be asking you to unmute yourself. Please provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, your address if you'd like, and then proceed with your public comment.

MR. GEIER: Yes, my name is Philip Geier. I live in Arlington Heights for 28 years. I have experience as a counselor in both mental health and other fields, and I am aware of the backgrounds that these kids have come from, what they've experienced, most of it that would knock all of us down. I think people can change and people need a second chance.

I'm very much impressed with the staff that is running this program. These are good kids that you would be happy to have in your neighborhood. So, I support this and I hope the Board does, too. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. All right, I am going to bring over a John Palicki.

MR. PALICKI: Good evening, guys. Thank you for allowing me to speak. My name is John Palicki, P-a-l-i-c-k-i. I'm an Arlington Heights resident who lives about one-plus mile from the possible new TLP. I've also been an educator for about 15 years, and I'm getting my Master's degree in Social Work while interning at Shelter, Inc.

I'm here tonight both as a resident and someone that gets to work with the youth, and I mean, gets to, not has to. I understand where many of you are coming from that may have reservations. I can speak first-hand to how amazing these youth are. These youth are well-spoken, respectful, kind, and looking to build their lives just as we were at that age. They're the most creative, intelligent, and strong young people you could ever meet. They have experienced circumstances that have been out of their control and are looking to gain the opportunities for a successful life as we all have been given in our lives.

The Village of Arlington Heights is a special place that my family has known since my family was at Hersey High School in the 70's. It has an abundance of families that are amazing role models for the youth. But these youth also can be amazing role models for the families as young people that have overcome obstacles to still be successful.

As a resident of Arlington Heights, as someone that work with these youth today, I can attest to this being a wonderful opportunity for everyone involved. As young people, everybody in this room need someone to believe in us, and this can be our way to show the youth that we believe in them and provide them with a quality and safe home. So, please send them home. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. I am going to bring in a Sheldon Galster.

MR. GALSTER: Can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: We can.

MR. GALSTER: Oh, good, thank you. So, I'm Sheldon Galster, G-a-l-s-t-e-r. I'd just like to concur with the Staff's recommendation to not approve this variance. Just one comment, why does our area continue to get controversial topics brought to us? That's it.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comments. Okay, I'm going to bring in an individual by the name of Alison. Alison, you should be brought in. Zoom should be asking you to unmute yourself, and you can provide your name.

MS. SAIKI: Good evening, can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MS. SAIKI: Hi, I'm Alison Saiki, S-a-i-k-i, and I live at 2401 North Evergreen Avenue. I am not in favor of this proposal, and I am in favor of the project though. I think it's a wonderful project. I've learned so much about it just hearing everything being reported tonight. But this is not the right location.

I think they really need to be near transportation. Golf Road would be stellar. I understand why it was probably there originally, because not only doing retail but they can actually get nice jobs in office buildings which out here it's just, I mean, it's just not accessible. So, I am in favor of the project but not at this location.

I think also with the Crescent Place also, I think transportation for both projects is really necessary. So, I think for both, I would like to put it on comment that transportation I think is a factor. Then square footage-wise, it looks like the Golf Road location looks larger, and yet this one on Valley looks smaller, and yet they're going to double in size. I think living on top of each other like that could cause problems as well.

So, that's my public comment for tonight. I am not in favor of this project on Valley. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. I'm now going to bring in an individual by the name of Melody Woodsum.

MS. WOODSUM: Hi, I'm Melody Woodsum, W-o-o-d-s-u-m as in Mary. I'm in the 2000 block of North Brighton Place.

I am not in favor of this project at this location. It may be a project viable at a different location. But with the parking issue and it being a main artery into our subdivision, all of the services people are going to come with a car. There's nothing prohibiting a resident at some point getting a car. There is not enough width on the road to get the cars in and out of our subdivision on a primary entrance with the current environment. It's difficult, and if you add more parked cars on the street because it's one away from Arlington Heights Road, the

cars come in and off. It's going to be a traffic nightmare for residents getting in, or services to get into the neighborhood if an ambulance or a fire truck has to come in and there's just not enough parking. So, that variance that they're asking for should not be granted at this location in this environment.

I also don't feel that the retail in the area is sufficient for them to have entertainment if it's supposed to be close to a location. All of the restaurants in our area close by 9:00 o'clock. There is not a movie theater. There is not a bowling alley. There is not a way for them to access any location for them to have entertainment when they are not working. So, again, it is not in a location that gives them access to transportation to get to some place where they're going to be able to constructively use their entertainment hours, and there is not enough location for the parking on that street for cars to still enter and exit our subdivision in a safe manner. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay, I am going to bring in an individual by the name of Will Stephens.

MR. STEPHENS: Thank you for the time. My name is Will Stephens, S-t-e-p-h-e-n-s. I live at 737 South Vail in Arlington Heights.

I wanted to voice my strong support for this program. I think it's been clear through the comments today that there is a fear of introducing danger to this community. But I think what needs to be pointed out again, as the Shelter team did point out is that these kids are our neighbors today. These are folks that we rely on and interact with every single day in our community already, and we are being asked as a village to support a program that helps and lifts up our neighbors. I believe that's a program that should be a source of pride for all residents of Arlington Heights, so I would again, voice my strong support for this program. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. I am going to bring in an attendee by the name of Cristina. Cristina, you should be added to the panelist side and you can unmute yourself. Provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your public comment.

MS. CRISTINA: Hello?

MR. HUBBARD: Hi.

MS. CRISTINA: Hi, thank you. I have questions that I would like, I know you cannot answer them, that's okay. But if they can be added to the record and perhaps somebody can provide answers at a later date?

In regards to your TLP interview questions, page four and five, there are listed questions and I'm wondering which one of those would make somebody who is requesting to live at that site disqualified from living in that shelter? Questions being have there been any issues of aggression; have there been any incidents of police involvement/legal history; have you been on probation or parole; have there been any incidents of sexually problematic behaviors, current or historic; have you ever had to register as a sex offender; have there been any issues regarding domestic violence; is there a gang involvement, current or historical; and are there any incidents of fire starting or arson. Are there any questions on any of the pages that if anyone indicates yes that would disqualify the individual from living there?

This is now a comment, no longer a question. I'm always for giving individuals a second chance and helping to improve people's lives. That's not the concern here. The concern here is the location. Not only is this a residential location, but within blocks of this

site there is an elementary school. Whenever children are in the vicinity, extra precautions and considerations must be made. Although I commend wanting to help individuals, we need to make sure that the location is appropriate for that, and I do not believe that this is an appropriate location.

I think that those were all my notes and I appreciate your time. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay, I am going to bring over a panelist with the name Becky. Becky, you're being added to the panelist side. You can unmute yourself, provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter and provide your public comment.

MS. McCLANEY: Hi, good afternoon, or good evening. I guess it's evening now, 10:00 o'clock at night. Thank you all for the time and the opportunity to join you all tonight.

My name is I guess formally Rebecca, or Becky, McClaney, M-c-C-l-a-n-e-y. I live at 2259 East Ashbury Court in Arlington Heights. Not only do I live in Arlington Heights, I work in Arlington Heights.

I just wanted to come and share, I echo a lot of what a lot of people have said before. I am an educator. I work with at-risk youth that present with mental health needs. It's really our opportunity to show our children in our community how we speak and lead and what we want them to be as they grow into our community. This isn't about giving the kids of Shelter, Inc. a second chance but a chance to make something different than the cards that were dealt to them and really giving them an opportunity to learn and grow and be surrounded by an amazing community that we all have the opportunity to live and grow in and give them this chance to live and grow with us.

Really, they already do so much for our community by, you know, providing opportunities, and what a great way to encourage them and allow our youth to see that we lead with our hearts and with our love. Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. All right, I'm going to bring in an attendee by the name of a10884. You should be added to the panelist side. Zoom should be asking you to unmute yourself, and you can give your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your public comment.

SPEAKER: And here is the video. Okay. All right, there you go. Hello?

MR. HUBBARD: Good evening.

SPEAKER: Go ahead.

MR. BRUCE ACKERMAN: Good evening. My name is Bruce Ackerman, A-c-k-e-r-m-a-n. We are residents on East Knob Hill, approximately a block-and-a-half from the subject property.

I've listened with great dismay this evening because the preponderance of the comments that were positive were not, I repeat, not located in the Ivy Hill Subdivision which numbers approximately 500 single family primarily homes. The location of the proposed project variance is inaccessible most of the time during busy hours, weekdays or weekends, egress or access out onto Arlington Heights Road from that immediate location. This would create complete chaos and bedlam.

Number two, as has been stated, Ivy Hill School, which educated both of our sons, is located three short blocks away. The Thomas Junior High School has a bus stop corner. The Camelot Park and Pool and exercise area, which I happen to go to myself personally, is five blocks. The children that walk by this area are young, many, impressionable,

innocent young people.

The proposed use, therefore, of this subject property would negatively affect the essential character of our immediate contiguous properties. We are all taxpayers, and of course many of us do vote. Forgetting the effect negatively on the assessed valuations, the market values of the properties, a transitional program such as this involving 10 to 12 males will tie up not only parking spaces whilst congesting as mentioned, but upset the quiet intergenerational cluster of the fabric of the neighborhood.

I noticed in the proposed change, there was a mention of plight, the plight of the owner's circumstances of the existing property at 207. To my knowledge, the Village nor homeowners do not include a guarantee of collective responsibility as a neighborhood resident to provide for the "unique circumstance" of the subject's homeowner who is selling. The persons in this area have worked long and hard as many in Arlington Heights have to provide a simple, secure, and a safe family lifestyle that is an earned right of its property owners as well as their children, grandparents, other taxpaying people in the area.

We totally, vigorously oppose this proposal, and of course feel that this is not also, I want to make it clear, a racial issue. I can make it crystal clear because personally I can attest to that fact myself. I don't want to talk in riddles, but I'm talking about whatever here, personal factors. Our neighboring residents here are both diverse, highly educated, and oppose this grant of special use program. I thank you.

MS. MULLEN: Hi, my name is Lisa Mullen. Can you hear me? Because I can't hear you.

MR. HUBBARD: Yes, we can hear you.

MS. MULLEN: Okay, sorry. My name is Lisa Mullen, M-u-l-l-e-n. I just want to say that I fully support this program. I keep hearing about these kids and they're all worried about them. These kids did not ask to not have support at home. They did not ask for the situation that they grew up in. It is our job as a community to help these kids and get them on the right track. They volunteered to do this, we didn't, you know, grab them kicking and screaming. They volunteered to want to learn how to get a job and to live in the society. So, I just want to voice that I fully support this program. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Sam, you're on mute.

MR. HUBBARD: Sorry. I'm bringing in a Lisa Paczosa, I'm sorry, an Elizabeth Paczosa. I see you're in, please provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your public comment.

MS. PACZOSA: Hi, yes. My name is Elizabeth Paczosa, P-a-c-z-o-s-a. I live at 707 East Valley Lane, very close to this proposed program.

I'm in strong opposition of this program being positioned at 207-209 East Valley Lane. My husband and I moved here three years ago on this block specifically for our three children who attend Ivy Hill School today. Safety is very important to us, and I believe having this duplex housing multiple adult men who are unable to sustain stability on their own would hinder our block in the matter of safety. Many children walk to Ivy Hill with and without their parents or an adult present, and we have already had an incident of an adult male assaulting a minor on her way to school. This happened directly outside my home, and it's had us increase our security to our home with camera activity to protect ourselves and our neighbors if anything else were to happen.

This project is too close to the elementary school, parks, and homes with small children. I believe that if this project is implemented in a residential area with young families, it will deter young families from buying on our block in the future. There have been multiple for sale homes in the past six months on our block, which I believe poses an issue. Our neighborhood needs to be in favor of more young families with children and less adult males who have difficulty living a stable life.

Please reconsider this location and place, possibly downtown closer to public transit and amenities for them. I appreciate your time.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. I am going to bring in a Vaibhav Agrawal. You should now be added to Zoom. Please unmute yourself, give your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your comment.

MR. AGRAWAL: Hi, can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. AGRAWAL: Thank you. Hi, my name is Vaibhav Agrawal, last name is spelled as A-g-r-a-w-a-l. I live within 500 feet from the proposed Shelter site. Thank you for letting me speak and thank you for all the hard work you guys are doing here tonight and allowing us to express our opinion.

I'm personally strongly opposed to this relocation on the basis of what the Staff Committee has already determined earlier, irrespective of the number of residents which are going to stay there. I had sent an e-mail earlier, but it was not read. I'll not repeat all the content of my e-mail because it is already with you to read.

One thing I'd like to be very clear about is we are not opposed to what Shelter program is doing for the community. They are doing a great job and they should do it. A lot of supporters tonight have alluded, too, that there is an opposition to what the program is doing which is not true. It is about the location that the proposed site is. It's a real impact to neighboring houses which cannot be overlooked.

Also, please note, many supporters as stated earlier are not getting impacted directly as they don't live in the vicinity. So, while I respect their inputs, I respectfully don't agree with them.

I also want to comment on uprooting all six individuals from the existing location. You have chosen this location because it can provide jobs to those six individuals or 12 individuals because it's closer to business, but you are uprooting six individuals from the existing location. How will they go back to those jobs if there is no facility available here to drive to that location which is quite far from this particular location? There are better locations which has a lot of businesses which has transportation closer to downtown. It would be easier for these persons to reach there than coming over to this particular location.

Finally, we all don't need to be up so late voicing opinions on a workday if Plan Committee's advice, which was not in favor, would have been considered. This is not a good use of our and your time. Thank you for letting me speak.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. All right, I'm going to bring in a Tim McRaith. Please state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and when you've unmuted yourself provide your comment.

MR. McRAITH: Can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. McRAITH: Okay, my name is Tim McRaith. I live at 208 East Knob

Hill Drive, which is within 250 feet of the proposed home.

I oppose, strongly oppose this variance. I support what the program does but we just, I do not approve of the location. Most of, I just wanted to make a comment, most of the supporters that have voiced their opinion here do not live on Knob Hill or Valley, in the immediate area. So, that's a different perspective. But I want to say I support what this program is doing, what they're doing for these young adults, but not at this location. It will disrupt the whole fabric of this community in this neighborhood. Thank you very much.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I am going to bring in a Theresa Wells.

MS. WELLS: Hello, can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MS. WELLS: Good evening, and thank you for taking my comments. As a home-owning resident with a family who lives on the block of the proposed Shelter, I live on 402 East Valley Lane, I wish to express my objection to this plan. Single-family homes dominate this section of our neighborhood. My family currently enjoys a comfortable, quiet environment to live in where my 13-year-old daughter can continue to flourish and grow without having to fear for her safety. She and her friends frequently ride their bikes past the proposed property, and I'm concerned with the added stress of wondering if they will come in contact with, any untoward contact with any of the residents. The proposed residents will mostly be male and between the ages of 17 and 21. I do not want my 13-year-old daughter to be in contact with this demographic.

Another issue of concern is precedent. If we allow the youth of the proposed residence as in shelter care home, what would prevent the other neighboring homes with the same blueprint from becoming one as well due to zoning? The allowance of the first home will set the precedent for another, not only in our neighborhood but other locations within Arlington Heights. Shelter, Inc. stated in a recent community meeting that they have no plans to expand, yet this will be their second property in Arlington Heights.

Those in support of this home, as stated earlier, do not necessarily live on Valley Lane or the neighboring streets. They live on the opposite end of Arlington Heights with no impact to their children's safety or immediate property. As noted in public record, many of the proposed residents are undergoing treatment for mental health issues, and have violated curfew. It is known that the Department of Children and Family Services is having problems finding space and housing for the proposed population. In order to secure state funds, social service agencies such as Shelter, Inc., make agreements with suburban areas to address the issue of runaways and easier tracking due to limited public transportation versus locations in their city.

It was stated that the decision should be made based on facts and not feelings. However, while searching for our home, a major deciding factor for moving to Arlington Heights was based on how we would feel as a family living in this neighborhood, how we interact with our neighbors and establish stable relationships within the community. Our line of thinking and feeling should not be discounted. Many of the neighbors spent years saving enough money to buy homes in this area. Many are of retirement age who wish to not leave their stability for their safety or loss of property value. As these residents will be transitional, there will be cycling of residents in and out of the home with an average stay being less than two years.

I also want to say that for further transparency, I submit and hope that Ivy Hill Elementary School as well as Thomas Middle School has been made aware of this proposed shelter. I'd be interested to know the school board's perspective on this proposal. Both schools educate students on being alert for stranger danger situations and how to report it. As another neighbor mentioned, we had a situation not too long ago with an assault on a student.

Another point of fact is that we are taxpaying voters. This allowance of the proposed rezoning and use of this residence will become an important issue for us to consider during the next election. While I support the purpose of Shelter, Inc. and I support helping our fellow citizens, I do not support using our neighborhood as a test case. So, I'd strongly urge you to deny this application and leave the zoning as is. Thank you for hearing my comments.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I'm going to bring in a Brad. Brad, please provide your name and address, sorry, please provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and your address if you would like.

MR. WELLS: Hello.

MR. HUBBARD: Good evening.

MR. WELLS: My name is Brad Wells, and that's W-e-l-l-s.

MR. HUBBARD: Brad, we're getting a lot of feedback.

MR. WELLS: Okay, and I just wanted to state that we're not against, you know, a lot of people think that we're against the program. I just wanted to let you know that I grew up on the south side of Chicago, so I know about at-risk youth. I grew up with at-risk youth, and I've seen some of my friends grow up to be productive citizens. So, I know about second chances and I'm a true believer. So, it's not about the program that we're against, but what we're against is the location. It seems as if you're trying to put a square peg into a circle and it doesn't fit.

I just want to let you know that most of the people that are in support of this program, which we are in support of the program but we're just not in support of the location, they do not live within the vicinity of where the location is being proposed. I want you to please take that in consideration when you think about this.

I have a 13-year-old daughter. She has friends that come over and she travels back and forth, her friends back and forth from houses, to their house, to our house, and we want this to be a safe area where they can do that without having to worry. We'd just like, as said previously, we do not want to break the fabric of this neighborhood. Thank you for taking my comments. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I'm going to bring in a Max Ackerman.

MR. MAX ACKERMAN: Hello.

MR. HUBBARD: Good evening.

MR. MAX ACKERMAN: Hi, my name is Max Ackerman, A-c-k-e-r-m-a-n. I live at 419 East Knob Hill Drive, roughly a half a block away from the proposed site. Similar sentiment, to echo previously stated participants, is that I completely support the program. I understand the vast importance, especially during these times, of a need for a program for people to have second chances. But I think it is important to note that I disagree with the location of the site and I think it should be in a different location.

I think the views of the people here stated previously are valid regarding safety, regarding potential decrease on home prices, and regarding a change in the neighborhood environment. I think ultimately, whatever, you know, the opinions of either side is, I think it comes down to the fact that the homeowners in the surrounding area are taxpayers who pay a fair share to live in the location and should have a, basically a majority vote of how they think their neighborhood should be. I think that shouldn't be inconsequential.

I think an easy way to kind of get around all this is to send everyone within maybe a three to five-block radius a paper ballot where they could fill it out and decide whether they want the location. I think it's fairly simple. Whether, you know, whether we have all these opinions or not, I think it should come down to a majority vote. It seems fairly simple to pull the addresses of all the people from the city hall and send everyone a ballot. I think this would be the most fair route, and if the majority of people want it, then fine, it comes. But if the majority of people don't want it, which it seems like they don't, then it should be denied. I think that's very fair for people who pay money to live in a certain location.

That's my time. Thank you all.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I am going to bring in a Chris. Okay, Chris, please state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter. If you'd like to give your address, you may, and you can unmute yourself and provide your public comment.

MR. SZEWCZYK: Hello, my name is Chris Szewczyk, last name S-z-e-w-c-z-y-k. I live in the Knob Hill Street at 303. That's about 250 feet from the proposed Shelter, Inc. location.

So, I wanted to voice my strong opposition to this proposal. I also think that the e-mails and the comments of individuals who don't live in the Ivy Hill Subdivision should not carry the same weight as the residents of Ivy Hill Subdivision. I feel that folks who live, you know, miles away would not be in favor of this proposal if they were about to be next to a shelter where police shows up frequently.

What really concerned me is the statistic that you presented. For example, the 10 criminal calls in 2020 with just six teens living there really concerns me about the ability of Shelter staff to manage these troubled teens. So, it will make our neighborhood less safe, it will drop the property values, it will probably make people want to move out of here. Many of us have small kids. I have also a 14-year-old daughter who I would be more concerned about if this, you know, goes forward.

So, again, I voice my strong opposition, and thank you for taking my comments.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I'm going to bring in a Nadya Frid. Nadya, Zoom should be asking you to unmute yourself. Please state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your public comment.

MS. FRID: Hi, I'm Nadya Frid, F-r-i-d. While I believe the Shelter is a wonderful idea and I'm thankful for its organizers, I think this is not the right location from the viewpoint of transportation and parking. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Sam, do we need to extend the meeting by chance?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes, in the next six minutes we should.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: This is Jay. I'll move to extend for another 30 minutes.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Second.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I should say terminating at 11:00 o'clock, 30 minutes after 10:30.

MR. HUBBARD: May I suggest once we're done with public comment, if we want to recess for five minutes to stretch and for a bathroom break if anyone needs to? I see two more hands, three more hands raised for public comment. Let me take a roll call vote on the motion to extend.

Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Aye.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Green.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: All right, so we're extended through at least 11:00.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: But we're going to wrap up public commentary. We have three more, three minutes each, then we go on break.

MR. HUBBARD: All right, I have an Igor Malamud. Igor, please state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, add your address if you'd like, and give your public comment.

MR. MALAMUD: Yes, hi, everyone. Can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. MALAMUD: Well, first of all, thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak. I live in East Valley Lane, 310 East Valley Lane, just one block away from 207, for 16 years. My son who is currently serving in the US Marine Corps grew up in this street. He attended both Ivy Hill as well as Thomas School. We actually moved here because of the safety of this neighborhood, and we were very happy to live here.

Just a few months ago, there was a case on our street when police knocked on our door asking if we saw the child abused, a child that was walking down the street towards Ivy Hill. That was kind of like very unusual for our area. I believe one of the neighbors mentioned that during just the 2020 year, the current location for the Shelter, Incorporated, there were 10 calls because of criminal activity. I believe in our area, just one is too much.

So, I strongly oppose the proposition to place the Shelter,

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Incorporated in our neighborhood. Thank you again for the opportunity..

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I'm going to bring in a Katherine Scortino. All right, if you would please state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your public comment.

MS. SCORTINO: My name is Katherine Scortino, S as in Sam, c-o-r-t-i-n-o. I just wanted to comment, I'm going to keep my comment short because I think Ann Gillespie and Carrie Estrada and several other people have stated so much of, so many of my thoughts and beliefs on this project.

I am in full support of it, and I am an Ivy Hill resident. I have lived here for 42 years. My kids all went to Ivy Hill and Thomas and Buffalo Grove High School. It's a fabulous neighborhood. It's for that reason that I want these young men to also have the opportunity to be able to be in an environment like this. Others are talking about safety issues, they want to be safe, too. They want to be in a home, and this is a perfect opportunity for all of us to show that we are neighbors, that we are friends.

Just on Sunday, Mayor Hayes was saying when he was at the opening of the Maker Place that in our community we provide something for everybody. Well, now is our chance to provide something really important, a home for these young men. So, I'm in full support. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I'm going to bring in a Jolanta, and I do see one more hand was raised, so one more after Jolanta gives their public comment. If you could state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, give your address if you'd like, and proceed with your public comment.

MS. SZYMANSKA: Good evening, thanks for having me. My name is Jolanta, my last name is S-z-y-m-a-n-s-k-a. I live at 303 East Knob Hill Drive, and I strongly oppose moving Shelter to Valley Lane.

I am a registered nurse. I work in the field, and my main concern about Shelter being so close to such a busy intersection is not only the safety of our kids, but I am also concerned about the safety of the Shelter residents. The reason for that is when you deal with trauma, mental disease, sometimes, you know, the symptoms of those diseases can be not controlled. Then if you are so close to such a busy intersection, that is a safety issue for the residents of the Shelter.

So, as a mom with three kids, as a person who deals with mental disease on a personal level because we have family members who have mental disease and physical trauma, and also as a nurse who deals with, that I do not feel this is a good location for Shelter. At the same time, I would like to thank all the employees of the Shelter who provide a second chance for those kids because definitely, I see as a nurse a huge crisis in mental health in the United States. Thank you so much for taking my comments.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I see two hands left. Let me promote Follett to the panelist side. Follett, once you're in, you can unmute yourself and state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, provide your address if you'd like, and proceed with your public comment.

MS. FOLLETT: Hello?

MR. HUBBARD: Good evening.

MS. FOLLETT: Good evening. I won't repeat what everyone has said other than I live at, the name is Mary Alice Follett, F like in Frank, o-l-l-e-t-t. I live at 209 Knob

Hill, two doors away from the proposed site.

We strongly oppose, and I won't repeat what everyone else has said, but living so close, we know exactly what is going to happen to our neighborhood should this be approved. You've all received many notarized statements from all of the neighbors that are in close proximity, and so you know how we feel. You know the reasons why we don't want this in our area. We all support the Shelter, okay, but we don't support the location. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. All right, last hand raised, I'm bringing in somebody by the name of Resident. Resident, you should be added to the attendee side, I'm sorry, the panelist side. You should be able to unmute yourself, provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your comment.

MS. FALCAO: Hi there. My name is Kathleen Falcao, F like Frank, a-l-c-a-o. I also live on Vargo Lane in the Ivy Hill neighborhood.

I'd like to just add to all of the comments in opposition for the vote for this property. I do also have children that attend District 25 and District 214. I am also a healthcare professional, and I just do have the same concerns. I won't repeat all of what has been said from a safety standpoint.

I also don't think that it's comparison of apples to apples from the earlier presentation on the current location of the property on Golf Road. If I understood correctly, I think I heard it was something like two acres. For the amount of proposed residents in such a small space, it's really not an equivalent property by any stretch, as well as the location is not ideal being less than five blocks away from an elementary school. So, thank you for allowing my comments.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. Chair Dawson, I do not see any more hands raised, so I think it is appropriate at this point if you would like to close public comment and then recess for a short break.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes, I agree. So, we will go ahead and close public commentary. It is, according to my computer, 10:35, so we'll do a five-minute break and reconvene at 10:40, correct? Okay. All right, see everyone back at 10:40.

(Off the record.)

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: It looks like we're just waiting for a couple of people to come back.

COMMISSIONER DROST: I'm back, Sue.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Thanks, George. We are still waiting for Commissioner Lorenzini. Commissioner Cherwin, I don't see your camera, so I don't know if you're back or not.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I'm back, I'm sorry. Here I am.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, good.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: I'm here. I'm present.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, looks like everyone is back. So, I'm sure we have lots of questions. There were a number of questions I made note of from the public.

Who would like to start? Commissioners, I wish I could like look right or left and tell you who's starting, but I can't do that.

Okay, Commissioner Ennes, you're up.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes, you're on mute.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, I'm sorry. Carina, I have a couple of questions for you, and possibly for your staff.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: You mentioned, just out of general curiosity, a couple of times you mentioned that Shelter was started by a police officer. Do you know who that was?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes, it was Paul Buckles.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, a very well-known Police Commissioner in town.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: He started a number of things. In regard to your Golf Road property where there are all these reports, many police reports, many of which are required by the regulation that you work under, being the curfew problems. How quickly do you have to report a curfew problem?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. So, we have a curfew of midnight to 1:00 a.m. If they aren't home and we were not able to get in touch with them, then that's when we report. Again, it is a report, the police are not coming up to us, so it's not a disturbance to the community. We just call in the report.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: So, it's an hour?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: If they're an hour late, okay. Gee, good thing I never called on my kids, my teenagers, but at the Golf Road facility, do you have 24-hour supervision there?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: We do.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Did you in the past, when the higher numbers were?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: We did have 24-hour supervision when, but the one thing that changed was our screening tool, both on the questionnaire that we ask as well as now we have access to their full history, which helped as well.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: What do you call the residents at your property? Are they clients? Are they, what are they?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes, we call them clients.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Clients, okay. What do you attribute to the reduced number of police calls over the last few years? Is that programming? What do you think that the reason for that reduction in police calls is?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. So, I think it's a mix of things. I think it is our programming. As you saw from our list that I had turned in, we have high-level staff and clinicians who are there and are accessible to our youth at all times. We started our clinical program, so prior to 2021 our youth are unmedicated and trying to find mental health services in the northwest suburbs is very difficult. So, we moved to that barrier by creating our own clinical program where they would have access to a licensed clinical professional at all times of the day.

In addition to that, we then did our screening tools then with having access, in 2020 it started, we had access to -- which is the historical file of the youth. So, when we interviewed them and if we saw discrepancies from their interview and from their case file, we were able to then go more into depth and ask them more questions and kind of weed out the

youth who we do not think were appropriate for our program.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, I'm active in the Rotary Club in town, and it seems like a number of years ago, this is like seven-eight years ago, that our club helped, and I believe it was a Shelter location, possibly a TLP location in town.

Do you have another facility in town?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: No, this is our only Arlington Heights facility.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Was the Golf Road facility?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, were you part of the search committee for this location?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: I was.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: How many locations do you think you looked at before deciding on this current location?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: I would have to look back at all of the listings that our realtor had given to us, but over 20, 25, maybe 30 locations.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: You worked with a broker?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, most of those locations, what do you think it is that ruled them out? Were they all in Arlington Heights or all over the suburbs?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: We did a couple, we looked at Mount Prospect, Des Plaines, Palatine. Arlington Heights was definitely, knowing that we have roots here and that we were created in Arlington Heights, I think definitely stuck with us. We're an important part of this community and we wanted to, you know, to stay here. But we did open it up.

What ruled out some of the other locations were, this is the only duplex or it gave us more space. So, currently, our ranch home at Golf Road is very small, it's less than 1,500 square feet. This opened us up to additional space. It doubles that space for us. It is also the number one thing for us was it's in walking distance to all of the employment opportunities.

So, many comments about parking or traffic or not having access to public transportation, it's actually not a problem for us because our youth already work at employers who, they would just be able to transfer to the sites that are close to this location. So, we have a youth at McDonalds, we have one at Office Depot, we have one at Jewel. They can just then transfer to the Jewel or the Office Depot that is right behind our facility.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: The Golf Road facility, the youth that are there, the youth, the young men that are there that would be transferring, there are six of them?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes. So, they could then, so if we were to move to this location on Valley, they could just transfer stores and stay employed.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, so if I'm hearing you correctly, you're saying the new residence is bigger. Some people had mentioned this, the Golf Road facility was on 2.5 acres, but that residence was much smaller?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct. So, the 2.5 acres is the whole commercial property that's for sale. So, that person who owned Animal Needs & Feeds and also owns the two acres rented out the 1,500 square-foot facility to us. He also, if you look at

public record, has written a letter about what great tenants we have been, how respectful the young people have been of his property at all times, and he's also a great supporter.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Were there, do each of your clients have their own room at that location?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: They do not. They all share a bedroom.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: So, you had three bedrooms with two kids in each one?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Which could create more conflict, I mean, with, you know, it's easier to have a hard time with somebody sharing the same room than having your own bedroom.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Your own place for your own staff.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes. It also the model, the living situation that most of them go into. So, it is something that they learn from living is to how to communicate and conflict resolution skills if there is an issue.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, I've been a big supporter of Shelter for decades. You do a lot of great things in the community. From what I heard, you answered one of my next questions I believe, and that's in regard to what is it about this location that made you choose it. I think what I heard you say is that there's walking distance to all those jobs.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: But these young men, they're 17 to 21, and they're also going to school?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Whether it's junior college, college, some of them are finishing high school?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: How, you know, it's nice that they can walk to Northpoint Shopping Center or some of the other retail spots in the area, but how are they going to get to those other things?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. So, through the McKinney-Vento Liaison Act, our school transportation is actually provided for and paid for. We also give them a stipend of $110 a month for transportation needs. At times, depending on who needs to go and if let's say five youth are at work or at school and one youth needs a ride, our staff may be able to drive them or another therapist would be able to drive to their therapy appointments or doctor's appointments if needed. So, we, or they're then able to use Uber, Lyft, or the Pace Phone-a-Ride is also utilized, especially if they're going to Harper.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, that really answers most of my questions. There were some of the, I should point out I'm an Ivy Hill resident. So, I live in the neighborhood, although I'm not as close as the people that are on the immediate streets, but I really have to emphasize my support for this type of program. If we don't help these young people who, we can't blame them for the situation that they were born into, the abuse, the neglect, and anything we can do to help them when they want to do and get better off in their life; I support going after that.

I was a little concerned about the transportation because we don't

have any transportation on, you know, public transportation on Arlington Heights or Rand, but it sounds like for their education, they're going to have that, it's going to be made available to them?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: That was one of my biggest concerns. I also want to say that if we don't support young men who want to do better with their lives after the hand that was dealt to them, we're going to need to build more low income and affordable housing in our community. I'd much rather see that we spend money on projects like this. That's all I have.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Thank you.

MR. BEA: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Thank you, Commissioner Ennes.

Who would like to go next? Don't all just jump at once. Okay, I'm going to call on people.

Commissioner Jensen --

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I can --

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: There we go. Okay, sorry.

Commissioner Jensen and then Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I'll keep this somewhat short. Sam, you used the data through 2020 for the police calls and we saw that rising trend after it bottomed out at, you know, at seven calls. We have been provided with the eight or so months into 2021 when we dropped from 28 down to two. So, I have a question, or maybe it's a suggestion for you to maybe include that when it goes to the Board in your report.

I would ask the Petitioner though, do we think that you've done things that are going to allow that fall to persist? That we're going to stay at that lower level rather than see it revert to an increase to the 28 calls previously? What have you done that's caused that drop and is it going to be a persistent drop?

MR. STOMPER: Hi, this is John Stomper. I am the board, I'm sorry, I am the volunteer board president. Last name Stomper, S-t-o, m as in Mary, p as in Peter, e-r. I'll address that one just to give Carina a little bit of a break here.

The 28 calls in 2020, if you look at them, 24 of those 28 calls were related to one youth. That youth was removed from the program in early 2021, in fact one of the two calls in '21 related to that youth moving him out.

Shelter has implemented an enhanced screening process as Carina had mentioned. In 2020, this youth was in here before the screening process was put in place. We now have access to their records, so we can do a more in-depth analysis and more in-depth questionnaire of these youth.

So, I think, you know, one of the things that has happened, and we think that the trend will continue this way, because if you look at and you take out the anomaly of 2020, the knots or the serious calls go from seven in 2016 to two in 2017 to three in 2018 to one in 2019 to zero in 2020 and zero in 2021.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Good, okay. That's it, that answers that question. The other thing, and I don't know whether you need to do it as the Petitioner when this goes to the Board or whether Staff needs to do it, I didn't think it was a great comparison to do the Golf Road facility and compare it with what this proposal is. I would like to see some

information comparing the Palatine and the Schaumburg facilities that are in actual residential areas. Have you had complaints that went to the local police departments there? What do the residents think about it, and so forth.

So, I think a more apt comparison by either Staff or the Petitioner would be this facility that's proposed with the other two that are in a very similar setting. Because the setting on Golf Road is really not similar, and I don't know that it's very instructive. So, that's just a comment.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen, I can address that if you would like.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Sure.

MR. HUBBARD: The facilities in Schaumburg and in Palatine, we did look at those. They weren't apples to apples comparisons. One of the facilities is for boys up to the age of 17 as an emergency shelter, and the other is for girls up to the age of 17 as an emergency shelter. So, it wasn't, we did consider it but they weren't an apples to apples comparison.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Great. Well, thank you, thank you for verifying that. I would ask the Petitioner, what about either recidivism or maybe looked at a different way, do you do any follow-up with your "graduates"? What happens to them after they leave the program? Do they continue upward and onward? Or do they get into trouble? Or do you have any capability of following what happens after they leave your facility?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure, we do. We are able, so we will say that we know that none of our clients have again, discharged our program into homelessness or not a stable living environment. They are all in a stable living environment. We do have contact with them. At times, they call us back, they give us updates. Some of them, some graduates will most likely come to the Village Board hearing when we get to that point to tell everyone about their experiences as a graduate of Shelter, Inc. We also invite them and have had and do have graduates of all of our programs currently employed at Shelter, and it is something that we're very proud of.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Okay, that's very good. I know you don't give, I'm not asking you to violate any HIPAA regulations, but you mentioned there are mental health issues that you would expect given the environment in which these young men emerge from. But are these garden variety mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, neuroses or whatever? Or do we have anything more serious in terms of psychotic breaks or the kinds of things that might lead to more violent behavior?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. Anxiety and depression and then post traumatic stress disorder are the pretty most common diagnoses.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Okay, and really there is not much of that that has led to violence per se, the mental health issue which has kind of been alluded to as some of the residents as being, you know, suggesting that there might be some violence that would emerge out of that, that's not been an issue, is that what you're telling me?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I think the only couple of things that I would say, if you read through a lot of those comments that came in, and I guess they were comments that were attached to the other reports, Sam, there were a bunch of things that were mentioned in those that weren't actually mentioned in the public comments about this will decrease the

property value and so forth. If you do an Internet search, you'll find out you can find studies that say it actually increases the value of the properties in the neighborhoods, or you find some that say it decreases it and so forth. I would hope that Staff or the Petitioner could put some of this into perspective, so you don't just have this barrage of repetitive stuff in the written comments that says it's going to have a particular effect on property values because it is ambiguous at best. I think that needs to be put into some perspective if this does go to the Board.

The other things that I would say is basically we have a lot of people, I didn't think the example of one person accosting a young person in this neighborhood and trying to indirectly link it to the behavior of these residents was very compelling in my point of view. It sounds like it could have been somebody, it wasn't necessarily somebody who's a resident of a shelter, so I'm not sure what to make of that. But the obvious view of the people who oppose this is that these are somehow unsavory people, they're bad people, they're not people from our particular area, they may be more of a criminal element and they are a threat to our children. I don't really think there's much that would suggest that to be the case, so I wasn't too compelled by that.

So, I understand why the neighbors do not want this in their backyard. That's a very common reaction. I'm not particularly moved by that unless there were some really good solid reasons not to have it in your backyard. The police issues did give me some concern. I think I've had most of my concerns alleviated, so like Commissioner Ennes, I'm generally in support of this project.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Thanks, Commissioner Jensen. Before we move on, just one comment. If you, I know you're concerned about comparing, and you're right, this isn't plunked right in the middle of a residential area, but it is directly across the street from Surrey Ridge which is a very populated residential area. Also, it is, if you look at Google Maps or whatever, it's about the same distance between the current Shelter home and Juliette Low Elementary School, and also Heritage Pool and Heritage Park and all those fields as it is between the proposed location and Ivy Hill.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Right. It may be a better, I see the point.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: I just want to make sure that there are --

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes, it's a better comparison than I, I thought the others would be better, but I agree they're not.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: No, but there are comparisons. It might be plunked right in the middle of it but it is equidistant. The current location is the same distance to an elementary school as the proposed location, and yet there have been no incidences that I'm aware of, and maybe Shelter can correct me or the Village can correct me, about that having, the location having any impact on the elementary school.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Thanks. I think that --

COMMISSIONER DROST: I'd like to make a motion to extend this another --

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Oh, goodness, it's 11:00 o'clock. Thank you, George.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, time goes by so fast.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I'll second.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Okay, motion to extend by Drost, second by Cherwin.

Can we get a roll call vote?

Commissioner Ennes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Green.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Did we extend for 30? Was that, did we just vote for 30?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, 30 minutes, because we're going to try to get it packaged, you know.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I'm quite done, Sue.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, so Commissioner Cherwin, you're up next?

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Okay, yes, thanks for your time. I appreciate all the public comments. I guess I have a few questions, I heard this in the Conceptual Plan Review Committee and I think at the time my position was that the Petitioner did not meet the standards for a special use. So, we're looking at a special use, right, because of the exception. We have general zoning requirement, the lay of the land, and then we have to look at these in a very particular basis, is it appropriate in this particular setting.

I think a lot of the petitioners, it seems like people who are in support are setting up this false dichotomy whereas if you don't approve it here, then you must not support the mission, you must not support the program, Arlington in general is not good even though it's been here for over 15 years in Arlington, and Arlington has been I think a good home for these folks. I guess the overall goodness of Arlington is in question if it doesn't go in this particular location, which I think is totally inappropriate.

But, you know, I think there has been a lot of support for the program in general. I think it's a great mission. I think, you know, I live down by the current one. Kind of what you guys said before, I totally disagree. I think the giant road called Golf Road that runs between the neighborhood that exists in Surrey Ridge and the current site which is also bound on the easterly, southerly and westerly borders by commercial properties and then Golf Road to the northerly border, I think that's a far different situation than having it dropped into this neighborhood with houses on either side and then residential street. So, I do think it's apples to oranges.

I think it's great where it is right now. It's a great location. I guess

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even though I don't support it being dropped into this neighborhood because, you know, we look at the people who are in the immediate vicinity and I think overall we can, as we evaluate these, you know, we're looking of course at the prongs of what's appropriate for special use. As it seems to me the overwhelming people in the immediate vicinity who would be immediately impacted are not in favor of it, I think it's unfair to state it's due to some outlandish concern of theirs. I don't think it's outlandish at all. I mean, the police numbers are what they are. They've gotten better which is great, but eight months doesn't make a trend. We got a dip, there was a dip several years ago, and then it bounced back up three times to what it was.

So, I think it seems to me like they're doing a pretty good job of trying to get this, you know, continue to improve their program. They've got these new restrictions in place, but you know, it's not totally proven out yet and we'll see. I mean, it sounds like they're making progress and I would imagine that some of the ups and downs is dependent on who they have in the house as well, and they can't totally control that. If we can get the screening under control, maybe it is a long-term trend and then maybe it changes the analysis, but for me, it looks like it's still considerable.

Even though these may not be, a lot of these calls aren't being necessarily problematic, you know, kids on the street, because they live houses away, they see police cars rolling up, you know, once a week or, you know, twice a week or whatever it may be depending on the number of people there, that's very disruptive to them. It's very, it's just not conducive to a peaceful neighborhood and I think it's very stressful on the kids. I don't think it has, like Lynn said, it doesn't have anything to do with kind of what happened in the past. It's a different criminal conduct that's not connected to this home, I don't think that enters the analysis, I agree. But I do agree that if you have kids in the neighborhood and you have now a cop car showing up quite a bit, I think that's very unsettling to the neighborhood feel of it, and I think the neighbors who are in the immediate vicinity expressed that very clearly.

I mean, I do think that, you know, I would love to help Shelter, Inc. find their place in Arlington Heights or in, you know, in one of even nearby communities, wherever it makes sense for them to find their house. I think the current site would be great if maybe they could re-look at that and look at a potential developer for a part of it. I know I would support a subdivision of that property to make it happen because I do think it's a good location. It's obviously worked really well for them there.

We have a lot of people on the line who have been supporting this project. Maybe we need to look in or around their houses as well. It looks like Vail, Bristol, Ashley Court, some of those folks, maybe we can find properties in or about those addresses where, you know, maybe there's more support. But I think right now we have to look at kind of the neighbors who are in this neighborhood and who have invested in this neighborhood and, you know, take very seriously their concerns.

So, I think those are my main points. I don't support the project in this current location but would support it potentially in another location that's more appropriate for it.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, thank you. Who would like to go next?

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes, I would like to just continue from what Jay was just saying. Again, I've been a very long-time supporter of Shelter, I think they do a tremendous service. We've gone to, my wife and I have gone to a number of their fund-raising events, contributed to their mission and I'd like to see them stay in Arlington Heights.

I really question this location. The other thing I question is this disparity between the Staff report which states in the last 10 years they've had 553 calls which amounts to 55 per year. The letter that I saw today from Shelter during the same period of time says they've had 97 calls. Well, I question how come we have such a disparity there? Can somebody clarify that to me?

MR. HUBBARD: The 97 calls were over the last five years, and I think both Shelter and the Village agree that that's the number of calls over the last five years. Over the last 10 years, it was the 553 calls, so I think that's the distinction there.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes, I understand this. So, if you take the 553 over 10 years, that's 55 calls per year. If you take the Shelter statistics of 97 calls over five years, that's 20 calls per year. So, there's still a big disparity. I mean, I just, are we being told what we want to hear? I'm not certain about that.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Just clarification. Did you hear, Sam said the Village agrees with that number of calls --

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: That's fine; I feel that --

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: -- because I think that comes from the Police Department, like there's police records.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Right.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: It's not, they're not, you know.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes, I'm just looking at the average call per year, whether it be averaged over 10 years or averaged over five years, that's all.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sure. Sure, sure. I'm just trying to make sure you understand they're not making the numbers up and the Village agrees with the numbers.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Right. But again, I am very supportive of what Shelter does. I don't think this is the proper location. They stated they've looked at a number of different locations in Arlington Heights. I'd like to see them stay in Arlington Heights. I can't believe they can't find a more suitable location much like they have there on Golf Road that isn't immediately adjacent to neighboring properties.

I drove past the site a couple of times on Valley Lane and I see kids riding bikes everyday. I just question that location. But again, I want to go ahead and say that I do fully support Shelter, the mission that they have, the need that they have, and I'd like to see them stay in Arlington Heights, but I'd like to see them find a different location. That's all I have, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, who would like to go next? Bruce?

COMMISSIONER GREEN: I'll go next. Yes, I just would like to build on that a little bit. Just a question for Shelter. How often, let me just back up a little bit. You have 553 calls in a 10-year period, and that's relating to six people. Okay, there's a maximum of six people there in the house at one time. My question is how often do the individuals change? How often does somebody leave and a new guy shows up to fill his place?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: So, every resident is there for two years, but leaving and coming is kind of staggered. So, we could have the same six people for a year, a little bit over a year, and then whenever the person is ready to leave, which for us works better because if you were to take all six out and all new six in, that's more difficult. When someone comes in and the house is stable, that's a good support for the youth that's coming in.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: I understand the procedure. I'm just trying to

understand the individuals who might be causing the problems. So, if you have an individual, you say that was there and had 27 calls in whatever the time period was, he was asked to leave. So, the next person comes in and he could be there for three months, and then somebody else leaves and then the numbers go up. In other words, to say that your numbers are somehow trending down, I don't see them going down. But if you say that in a short time, the individuals who might be causing those numbers to go down would be replaced by somebody who might cause those numbers to go up.

So, I don't see this as a long-term stability thing in any stretch of the imagination. It just can't be. So, you might be in a trend now that looks good for what you're trying to do, but a year from now or six months from now or one month from now, it may be totally different. I think, Lynn, that was what I was picking up from your conversation about your questions.

But anyway, with that being said, there seems to be a dismissal about it is for curfew and it's no big deal. If these residents do not have a car and they're not back in their bed at 1:00 o'clock in the morning, where are they and how do they move around in the suburbs? How do they do it?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: So, they're most likely at a friend's house. Again, one of the comments was from a community member, you know, I want to know if 214 knows about this. Our kids are part of 214, they go to school there and they're also part of 211. Again, they're kids that may live, you know, would interact with your kid already and --

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Okay, let me stop you because I'm getting these answers that, well, they're probably here and they're probably there. Do any of the residents show up at 2:00 o'clock in the morning after hanging out?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: And come home at 2:00? Sure.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes. So, how do they get home? I assume they walk?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: No, they probably take Uber considering we provide a $110 transportation stipend every month.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Okay, that's a nice answer, but I just, I'm sorry, I can't just believe those answers that always they're so good and that's always how it happens. I'm sorry, I can't, because I can't see young people, you know, wasting their money when they could maybe walk home. But whatever.

So, I have a real concern with this police stuff. I think this is, it doesn't speak well for the neighborhood where you're trying to put this house. I think these individuals need this training, they do need it. But I don't think it should be at the risk of these established neighborhoods, and I agree with these people. You can have this somewhere else and it would be wonderful. Where you have it now, divided by a six-lane highway, it has a way of isolating yet, you know, keeping it functioning but not mixing it directly with 20 feet separation from an established neighborhood.

So, I agree with the people in the neighborhood that this is a good project, just not here. That's all I have to say, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, George, I think you're the only one left? Oh, Joe. Joe and George are left, yes.

George, you want to go?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Age before beauty.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: I'll go first. We'll save the best for last, George.

COMMISSIONER DROST: All right.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Wait, that would be me. I get to go last.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Okay, you're the best. So, on the positive side, wonderful program. I think it's a great program, what you're doing. As Mrs. Gillespie said, I also live in the Heritage Park as does Jay, and I actually knew the family, my kids went to school with their kid who owns that property. I've been in their store and I never even realized what the home was used for. So, as far as trouble goes, we never knew anything about it, at least I didn't.

But Jay is right, Golf Road separating that from the neighborhood was a big dividing point. Every time affordable housing comes up or residents home for handicaps, adults who need assistance, sometimes these people are villainized and they're really not as bad as maybe some people think. But I perfectly understand if you've got kids, you're going to be as careful as possible.

As the residents have said, many of the supporters and most of the supporters don't live in the area, and we're actually asking the residents of the area to, it's a wonderful program but we're asking the residents in the area to take the burden of having this home in their area and I can understand the concerns. Those are my comments.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, my comments, I just have two questions. One is if we've got, do we have events there, I'm going to ask that of Carina, where people would be visiting some of the residents? Are there any such type of programs or events within the program?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. No, we don't allow our residents to have visitors.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Okay, so it's pretty well, they're all pretty well sequestered. Then what about in sort of your backyard, the Chase bank, if there's a need for automobile parking, if there's snow and stuff, are there some arrangements or feelers that have been made to the neighbor, the commercial neighbor?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Not at this time just because it's such once in a blue moon that our youth would even have a car, but it is something that we can ask if it were to come up.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, well, and sort of my closing comment is this, is that this is a tough call, you know. There's a lot of forces that are kind of pulling at yes-no, yes-no, and it's not one of those, oh, this is a 100 percent program. But I'm going to go based on my experience, and I've had a couple of decades of experience with a family and social services agency called UCAN, and one of the ways that we transitioned our residents is to have these homes and living arrangements in neighborhoods to help make better citizens. Again, you know, from a programmatic point of view, these are so helpful in learning like skills.

From my personal perspective, I live in a neighborhood in the downtown area where we've got homes, subsidized homes for people that have had troubled existences, mental health issues, disabilities, and they have integrated fairly well into the downtown area. As we all are frightened by change, sometimes we have to embrace it because we're part of a civil society, and one of the things that we want to do is really uplift the people that might not have opportunities or chances. So, from that standpoint, both from a professional

standpoint of having had exposure to these types of circumstances, in-living associations and having residents, not necessarily youthful but adult residents that need to be supported by the community, I would be in favor of the program.

Also, I think, you know, from a statistical or demographic sense, we've had in-living arrangements, I believe Clearbrook and some of our other agencies, have done well, and there's probably data there that can tell us whether or not property values impact. One of the chief concerns, I would be concerned, I don't want to lose value in my home. So, I think there's more data that might be assembled or collected.

Then just looking at management, and I think really the key here is who is running the show. So, you look at your history as opposed to a newbie, that there is experience here. I'm sure that you're developing technologies that will make it even better for filtering and screening those people that are deserving to come into a community and basically get the benefits that they've been denied.

So, that's the comment.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, so before I get into my questions, my specific questions, I want to make sure we've addressed the public questions that did not get addressed yet. One of the questions was, and this is for you, Sam, how did we choose which e-mails are read into the record?

MR. HUBBARD: Great question. So, all of the e-mails that I received prior to this project going online on our website on the agenda for the Plan Commission were printed out and were attached and put online as part of that record for the Plan Commission. So, if you had e-mailed me prior to Friday afternoon of last week, your comment was transmitted to the Plan Commission online, just not read aloud at this meeting. Once the agenda went live, there was a section that said if you e-mail the Village by this date with these many words, your e-mail will be shared at the meeting. So, all e-mails received after Friday afternoon of last week, between then and I think it was like 3:00 p.m. this afternoon, those were read into the record this evening.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, so just to jump on that a little bit, just to clarify for anyone who is in the audience, we receive, the Commissioners receive the whole packet. We received all those. They didn't need to be read into the record because they already were in the record. These needed to be added into the record which is why they needed to be read. So, anything that was in our packet we've read and we've received.

Okay, now there was a question, this one is for Shelter, that was what would make someone disqualified from living in the home? The resident listed a bunch of questions that I believe came from one of your forms?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, could you answer that?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure, that's a great question. So, any of the things that she had listed, so a registered sex offender, someone who had a severe criminal history, physical aggression, those are all things that would filter out the youth and they would not be suitable for our program. The youth who are coming, again, are voluntarily coming, do not have a criminal history, do not have any sexual offenses, do not have extensive histories with physical aggression or fire setting or any of that. They're also kids from our neighborhood we have, you know, from Lake Forest and Palatine, and we look at wanting to make sure that

they're in a community that they're either from or that represents, is very similar to where they came from.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, thanks. Just maybe the other Commissioners heard this, but I just want to make sure it's clear that you implemented new screening tools in 2020, right? So, when people say, well, it could go back up, yes, yes, I'm not saying it couldn't, but it was 2020 when these new screening tools went into place and it seems as if there have been zero calls related to any residents that came in after the new screening tools were in place?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct, and all six residents have never had any contact with the police.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, I do think that, in my mind, that's a huge difference. You have a new screening tool and it explains to you that new information, and ever since that went into place which has been over a year now I would assume, no calls, no violations, okay.

There was another comment made about, oh, these cop cars were going to show up constantly. But to clarify, a number of the calls that you were making did not result in police officers showing up, is that correct? Can you clarify when a police officer might show up at the home?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure, correct. So, no matter what the call is for, if it's for a missed curfew or if it's for, you know, assistance that we might need, an ambulance ride or whatever, no matter what we'd have to call 9-1-1. So, when that call gets routed, if it's a curfew violation, we then talk to the Police Department on the phone, provide them the information, they provide us the information that we need on our end, and no, they do not come out.

There have been times in the past where they may come out on their own without us even calling at all just to say like, hey, we're here, is everything okay, do you need anything from us. That's also documented as parts of the calls. Or if we had, you know, we had a youth previously who needed more assistance with getting treatment and they would then assist with an ambulance ride. So, that would be a reason as to why they would come out.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay. All right, thanks, that helps clarify that. Before I get started in more of my comments, can we please extend? Because there's no way that we're going to be done.

Can I have a motion to extend?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I'll make that motion.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I'll second it.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Thanks, how long is the motion for? How long are we going for?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Until midnight.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I'll second that.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Can we have a roll call vote?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes.

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COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Green.
COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.
COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.
COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson.
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost. George? Commissioner Drost?
COMMISSIONER JENSEN: You're muted.
COMMISSIONER DROST: Aye.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.
COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, who's shocked that I'm going to get on my soapbox right now? Anyone? No?
COMMISSIONER JENSEN: No. I've heard you speak, Sue, and I agree with it.
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: So, it's late, we've got to make a little levity. So, okay, so there's a couple of things that I want to say in advance before my big old soapbox, which is I completely disagree, I do not think an 18-year-old kid cares about Golf Road. I think maybe people are remembering what it was like to be 18. I have a 17-year-old in my house and a 15-year-old in my house, these highways mean nothing to them. If you want to go mess with somebody, running across Golf Road is not a problem, okay. To me, the most important thing in my mind was the distance to a school.

Many people said, well, there's children and there's a school. I just wanted, so that was my point. Same distance to Juliette Low which, I know you guys want to talk about Surrey Ridge, I went to Juliette Low Elementary School, okay. So, I know that area and my brother worked at Animal Feeds & Needs for like, I don't even know, 10 years or something like that. So, I know this house, I know Juliette Low, I know this area, and I've crossed Golf Road, it's not, people do it, kids do it, okay.

So, to me, it is different, yes, it's not plunked in the middle of a residential neighborhood. But I have a different perspective in that any time I've driven past the house, which I did know was a shelter house, I've actually been inside the house while there were residents there because I worked with a charity organization that I started with some other community members, we supported Shelter one year, we went into the house, we cleaned the house. Some of the residents were there, they were perfectly nice kids. There was no problems, we went in, we helped them. We put in flower beds, we put in their, I don't know if it's still there but a basketball net, and cleaning the house.

The one thing that always hit me any time I went by that house was those four kids must feel like they're not part of this community because they're stuck in the middle of nowhere, like we would just plunk them out as far away from the Arlington Heights residents because they don't belong here. That has always, before this evening came up, has always been my feeling about that location. I've always thought to myself, those kids should be in a residential community so they're embraced by this community and they get that opportunity

to be in that community.

No, I do not live in Ivy Hill. But believe me, if this was going next door to my house, I would be the first person in line to greet them when they walked in the door and I'd bring my kids over there, and I would love for my kids to have this exposure. In fact my daughter, one of her good friends in her class this past year was a foster kid and she had a twin sister. They were in foster care, and this is my daughter's friend. You know, I thought that was great. I was so glad that my daughter was learning about this different experience and that she befriended this girl even though they had such amazingly different backgrounds, and they stayed in touch. I just thought that that was beautiful and wonderful.

So, if you guys moved in next door to me, believe me, I would not have a problem with it at all. I don't understand where this concern is that kids coming home at 2:00 a.m. and walking by are suddenly going to be a criminal element. These are 17 to 21-year-olds. I guarantee you that once I was over 18, I did not come home at midnight, and I wouldn't walk home. So, because I grew up with two parents, the fact that I would walk home from my friend's house at 2:00 in the morning or ride my bike or do whatever is different? Before you guys say yes, it is, I believe that I wouldn't qualify for most of you because you guys also know that I'm a big supporter of mental health, and I speak out whenever residents come in and they talk about people with mental health.

We have people diagnosed in my family with mental health, and I was diagnosed with a mental health disability at age 12, and I've been in treatment my entire life. So, yes, mental health person here, walking home at 2:00 a.m., by a lot of neighbors where there's kids around, I was not breaking into people's homes and committing problems. These kids deserve a chance, not a second chance. I've heard second chance so many times. These kids never even got a chance in the first place. They deserve a chance; they deserve to be treated like human beings. They deserve for people don't just assume that they're criminals and garbage and should be isolated and kept away from the elite people of Arlington Heights, which is a lot of what I hear.

So, I'm really as always very troubled when I hear people talk this way. It makes me very frustrated and upset by my fellow residents that we can't give these kids the opportunities. I mean, the kids that spoke in the video, they seemed lovely. They seemed to be great kids, they just want a chance, and you're going to skip them in the middle of Timbuktu out of nowhere and make them feel further isolated and further removed and further like they're less than the rest of us. But if you put them in a residential community that could embrace them, I think that would make a world of difference to them.

So, I don't agree that residents should be able to vote on who does or does not come into their community. I mean, do we now suddenly, if someone wants to buy a house, do I put it out to a vote if they get to come in? Do they have to fill out a background check whether or not they can come in? Because I could buy a house right now and move 12 foster kids into it with no supervision, I could do that, and nothing would stop me. But this program actually puts so much in place for these kids, and I'm always a big proponent of reminding residents what can happen in your neighborhood without permission. So, I could easily move 12 kids into my house right now, foster kids. Can I do it? No, I don't have the time to raise 12 foster kids in the middle of raising my current three and run my business and all of the other things. But could I? Sure, I could. In fact, you don't even realize, but that was something I want to bring up.

Has anybody done a research of your neighborhood of how many sex offenders live in your neighborhood right now? Registered sex offenders? Because there's 33 within a three-mile radius, and 16 within a one-mile radius. So, I don't know why we're so worried about these kids, because I'm guessing nobody checked the number of registered sex offenders in the neighborhood before they bought their house, because people just forget to do that. But these 18-year-old kid who just wants a chance, who hasn't done anything wrong, who by the way has already been vetted and doesn't have this in their background, they can't come in? No, but the sex offender who already lives on the block isn't a problem for you.

So, yes, I am very disappointed. I do not believe that this is about traffic and parking and whether or not there is transportation at all. This is a "not in my backyard." It absolutely is, and that I can't agree with.

So, I'm absolutely in favor of this. I think it meets all the criteria. I disagree with Staff on that. I think we meet special use criteria here, and I hope that this gets passed. If it doesn't, I hope that they find a location to stay in Arlington Heights because it's important. It's something I have always been very proud of in our community.

So, that's where I'm at. Do we want to, we've all discussed, we've all given our opinions. Do we want to vote? Do we want a motion or do we want to talk more?

COMMISSIONER DROST: I can make the motion and then comments can come, but I think the motion that's been said --

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sounds good.

COMMISSIONER DROST: So, I'll make a motion.

A motion to recommend to the Village Board of Trustees <u>approval</u> of PC #21-015, a Special Use permit to allow a "Sheltered Care" home on the subject property, and the following variations:

1. **Variation to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code, Section 6.12-1(3), to waive the requirement for a traffic and parking study from a qualified professional engineer.**
2. **Variation to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code, Section 10.4, to reduce the required off-street parking spaces from 10 spaces to two spaces.**

This recommendation is subject to the following conditions:

1. **Capacity of the two units shall be a maximum of one individual per bedroom (maximum of six residents on the subject property with one in each bedroom) plus staff/counselors.**
2. **No less than one staff per six residents shall be present at the facility at all times, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, so adequate supervision can be provided between the two units.**
3. **All staff must be trained in CPI and think/trauma training (or substantially similar training) to be able to de-escalate conflict and provide appropriate care for residents.**
4. **The Petitioner shall establish and follow screening procedures which will allow them to identify and accept the most appropriate candidates for the program.**
5. **Operation of the facility shall occur in substantial compliance to the "Transitional Living Program Handbook," which shall be updated for review by staff prior to appearing at the Village Board.**

6. **The Petitioner shall work with the Police Department to establish appropriate on-site security, as applicable, and shall establish regular reporting of statistics and resident contact information if warranted.**
7. **Residents living on the subject property shall not be allowed to park cars on the subject property.**
8. **The Petitioner shall comply with all federal, state, and Village codes, regulations, and policies.**

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I'll second that.
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, put it to a roll call vote.
MR. HUBBARD: Was there any discussion or are we going to --
COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, there can.
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: I mean, yes, I think we can just go to a vote if no one has any discussion.
MR. HUBBARD: Sure. All right, we have first Commissioner Cherwin.
COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: No, with comment.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Green.
COMMISSIONER GREEN: No.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.
COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes, with comment.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.
COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: No, with comment.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.
COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: No, with comment.
MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson.
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost.
COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes.
COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: So, that's a four-to-four vote, so the motion does not pass. So, someone could make an alternative motion, or this could proceed forward to the Village Board without any recommendation from the Plan Commission if no alternative motion is made and passed.
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: I don't know what everybody else thinks, but I don't see how there is an alternative motion that would have a different result.
COMMISSIONER GREEN: No, they tend to go to the other way. So, that's it, there's no recommendation.
MR. HUBBARD: So, yes, this project would move forward to the Village Board with no recommendation from the Plan Commission as it stands now.
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, so Shelter --
COMMISSIONER JENSEN: We've got comments. Comments?
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Oh, comments. Who had comments? I'm sorry. Jay had a comment.
COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes, I just had one. I mean, again, this

dichotomy comes up again where, you know, it's all about the, you know, not supporting mental health, not supporting, you know, I mean, I'm looking at this really like 12 people in one structure in a single-family neighborhood. I mean, I'd probably have the same, come to the same conclusion if it were, you know, a six-flat dropped into the middle of a bunch of houses, and it has nothing to do with Shelter. It's just, I mean, it just changes the nature of the neighborhood. It's not just, you know, maybe people struggling that there's 12 individuals living here in very tight quarters.

I do still think that it's very different. I know there was some talk about, you know, that they're currently kind of set out aside. But it doesn't seem like the current house is a big problem for them; otherwise, they wouldn't stay there. I think, you know, my point about Golf Road is like if this thing were going up on the other side of Arlington Heights Road, I wouldn't have a problem with it. I do think there's the physical features, that's why we have different zoning, you know, areas and different, you know, that are broken up by various physical features, and I think a roadway is one of them. So, I just want to be clear about that.

So, that's all. I just wanted to clarify that because I think I might not have clearly gotten that through.

MR. HUBBARD: Was there other folks that had public comments? I believe Commissioner --

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes, I had one, I have a few comments. So, I think this is a good project, just not where it's at. Susan, if you look for it in your neighborhood, that would be great. But if the people in this neighborhood were for it, I'd say yes, no doubt about it. But I don't think it's fair to ask the people in this neighborhood to take on this burden and these worries by changing the code for this one project.

I've voted for just about every affordable project, mental health facilities, for disabled adults that needed help, a hundred percent I always voted for that, but we never put that, we never change zoning and put it in the middle of a neighborhood. I go back to Mr. D's Restaurant over on Northwest Highway and Milwaukee, they were going to buy a residential property to expand their parking lot. The guy who designed it who did the landscaping for it was a friend of mine, but I voted against it because I didn't think it was fair for the person living next door, who was going to be living next to a parking lot. I just didn't think it was fair, but I think this is a wonderful program and I hope they succeed.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I had comments, too. I think it's probably appropriate that this is a tie vote and the measure failed with that kind of division. Obviously, if we had the full Commission, we would have had a little more clarity one way or the other. That would have been good for the Board.

But I think this is an issue that really is appropriate for the Board to make the decision, because I think it's a tough call. In thinking about this over the last several days, I have kind of oscillated back and forth on this position. But basically, I think that if you allow all neighborhoods to speak to any of this kind of projects, you would find “not in my backyard” looms very large, and I'm not supportive of that sentiment in general. But I think this is appropriate for the Board to make the call and they should take things into, you know, take everything into account that's been brought forward.

I would suggest a couple of things to the Petitioner. You may want to deal with one of the issues that you had had with some of your papers. You may talk

about scaling this thing. So, you said you wouldn't have any problems starting with six residents. It may be a very long time if ever that you would scale it up to 12, and you may want to consider bringing that before the Board.

The other is just a technical issue. I loved your presentation, but unfortunately you did it in edit mode rather than in slide show mode, so it was very disconcerting to have all that stuff over on the left-hand for some of us who have trouble with focus to begin with. So, you may want to move it to slide show mode when you do it to the Board.

But I think we came out probably in the right place, that this is a call that the Board should make. I think you've got an opportunity as the Petitioner to fashion a little bit different thing that you bring forward to the Board. Probably if you bring this forward to the Board, it probably is not going to do any better than here with the Plan Commission. So, you may want to think what re-fashioning you wan to do of your petition.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Were there any other comments?

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes. My comment was again, I want to emphasize, I'm very supportive of the mission of Shelter. I just don't think this is the right location. Again, I'm concerned with all the previous history of the police calls and so forth, and again, listening to all the public comments. Almost universally, everybody that was in favor of this lived in a farther neighborhood; they weren't anywhere near this particular Valley Lane location. The people that were against it of course were in this residential neighborhood immediately adjacent to this property. So, we've got to kind of give that some consideration, I mean, if that's not worthy.

But again, I voted no because I didn't feel this is the right location. I would like to see them stay in Arlington Heights. I believe in their mission, very supportive of them. But they've got to find a better location. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson, our Village Attorney has his hand raised. I don't know if you'd like to call on him for comment?

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sure, yes. Do you have a comment?

MR. PASSMAN: Thank you. Good evening, Madam Chair and members of the Commission. Thank you, I've listened to this very good discussion by the board and the public.

I wanted to point out, in light of the four-to-four vote, what our Zoning Code says about your role here for a special use variation. As Mr. Hubbard indicated, the four-to-four vote means that the motion didn't pass. The code states that after a hearing on a special use permit variation, the Plan Commission has 30 days after this hearing to make a recommendation to the Village Board. It's correct that if you do nothing else on this matter, then it will ultimately travel to the Village Board with no recommendation because you will not have a vote that passes; however, I say that to point out you actually have a couple of options here.

Someone else noted that you don't have all nine of you here. We do have a member missing. One option you have is to continue the public hearing. I'm not suggesting that you have another night as long as this one, but it is a legal option that will both allow for the reception of more evidence if that might be helpful. I don't know whether that will be useful to the one missing member.

You don't have to continue the hearing. If you do not continue the

hearing tonight, your 30-day clock will start from now. In fact, in the absence of doing anything else, you can vote at a subsequent meeting in that 30 days to make a recommendation. Whether that's a new vote of this group, whether that's a new vote of this group and your ninth member, that all remains contemplated by the code. The catch with that option of course is that if you don't continue the hearing, you can only vote on what's been presented to you, you can't accept new evidence either from the Applicant or from the public.

The vote option, really those are the same two options. The third option is married to the second which is you don't do anything tonight and you don't take further action on this. Then in 30 days, the failure to make a recommendation will be transmitted to the Board.

So, I wanted to lay that out there to explain what your legal paths are at this point given the vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, that's very helpful. So, if we do nothing, then it can't go to Village Board for 30 days?

MR. PASSMAN: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: But can they even schedule it? I mean, do we have to wait 30 days and then they get put on an agenda? Because I just don't know how much time Shelter has.

MR. PASSMAN: I'm sure, you know, we'll work with the Community Development Department on scheduling it. The reason I, I don't mean to, you know, put a stumbling block in front of anybody, but you retain the right under the code to vote within the 30-day period. So, any time between now and October 22nd, you can convene, there's all sorts of things you could do to issue a vote or try again. So, it would be premature to bring this to the Village Board before you either have a motion that passed, whether it's in favor or against the proposal, or the 30 days lapses.

But, yes, we could schedule this for, I guess it would probably be for a November meeting in anticipation of a lack of a vote if that's where you end up going.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: So, let me, can I ask Shelter? What's your timeframe here? It appears that if we do nothing at this time, we're looking at not getting you on to a Village Board agenda until November. You're on mute.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes, sorry.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: You're muted, Shelter.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sorry, we're just --

MR. STOMPER: Sorry, we're just discussing. I don't know if we have a preference. I think, you know, whatever the Plan Commission thinks is best. Honestly, I don't know if there'd be any new evidence that would, you know, I think everyone has had their say. So, I don't know if when the ninth member comes back, if you reconvene and do a vote then, because I wasn't sure if I understood that. Can they just, at the next meeting, call a vote again on this? That's the one thing I couldn't understand was how that worked.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: It sounds like we could.

MR. STOMPER: Could the ninth member like review this, listen to this recording and then, you know, I don't know. I don't know what's the easiest way for you guys to do this.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Well, my question is are you in a rush? I

mean, do you need this --

COMMISSIONER ENNES: When do you have to be out of the existing building?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. So, we don't know. That's all up in the air.

MR. STOMPER: Once they find a buyer.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: So, likely you do have some time, because if you needed this to go, we can re-vote, I'll vote no for you just so we can get you on the agenda. Do you know what I mean?

MR. STOMPER: Yes. No, I think we can wait.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: We're just advising you.

MR. STOMPER: I understand. Susan, thank you, I understand. I think we can wait and, you know, it would be great to get the ninth person's, you know, view.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: You know, I don't know that that, I mean, when's our next meeting? The 13th, and I don't know what that would look like. We have to put it on the agenda, we have to do notice, do we have to, I don't know what that looks like.

MR. PASSMAN: I guess, and I imagine Sam's input also, if you do not continue the hearing, and you don't have to continue the hearing, there is no special notice that would be required to place it on the agenda. It would follow the normal rules, 48 hours to post it on the agenda under the Open Meetings Act. Any notice beyond that would be beyond what's required by law.

So, I mean, I don't want anyone to accuse, I'm not suggesting you have to do any of these, but I just, I wanted you to know your options to go forward.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sure. No, I think that's great. I mean, yes, Lynn, you have a --

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: No, I wouldn't be in favor of re-opening the public hearing. I think we've heard everything that could be said on all sides of this thing. But I would have no problem with bringing it up for a vote when we have the full Commission, because I think there's some value on that. It would certainly give some clarity, we would either have five noes or we would have five yeses.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: I would also just caution, we'd all have to be there. I wouldn't want us to call it for a vote because Commissioner Warskow is there but two of the yes votes aren't there, or two of the no votes aren't there, and now we get a recommendation. Does that make sense? Is that what you're saying, Lynn?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: If we're all there.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I'm saying we need to do it when we would have the full Commission. I wouldn't open up the public discussion again, because I don't think there's real value in that. But you're right, we would want to have the full Commission there, and I don't know if we're at a point where we can say that would be the case. I mean, Sam could certainly do some canvassing or whatever, however you want to do it. But I think it would be good to get rid of some of the ambiguity and give the Board a yea or a nay from the Commission.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes. Here's sort of my take on it. I think it's

really positioned perfectly, as long as there is not a time crunch on the part of Shelter, because it's four to four without a recommendation. If you got a four to five yes or no, I don't know if it's going to change the votes of the Trustees. So, basically, it's teed up, we've pushed it, you know, to the Trustees. Then the residents and the supporters, the people that have concerns will be able to articulate better their positions and it will just be right for a vote by the Trustees.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes, I agree with George. An eight to one yes or no would give them some direction from us, but a five to four either way I don't think is going to matter much to them what we say.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes. Okay, so it sounds like we're in agreement, we're going to close the public portion. Thank you, that was very helpful though. That really is a very helpful clarification. I did not know those options, so that's appreciated.

MR. PASSMAN: Glad to help.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: So, to Shelter, Inc., we are just a recommending body, and to any of the neighbors that are still on the, the residents that are still on the call, whether it had passed or it had failed, we just are simply a recommending body. The Village may agree with us, they may not. Our purview, what we look at is very, very small compared to what the Village Board looks at. They look at different things, they have different criteria, so it's a different analysis. So, you know, it will go to them.

My only question or comment, Shelter, you mentioned you're going to have some of these kids at the Village Board meeting. You know, you know better than I do, but I'm just really worried based on some of these comments about these kids hearing some of those comments.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes, we would only bring past residents who have graduated to show the success of it. That's the reason why we did the videos, because we did not think it was appropriate for the young people to hear some of these comments.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: I would not want them to be subjected to that, and I think that that would just reinforce a lot of the things that they've gone through already.

So, okay, so with that, I think we don't have any other agenda items, is that correct?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Now, for clarification, would this go then, are we ready for this to be closed up to the point where it would go to the Board as early as possible? Or would it still go to the November Board?

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: It can't go for 30 days, unless we vote next time.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: So, there's no action we can take that would, I mean, it doesn't sound like there's a need to. So, it will be the 30 days and it will be the November Board --

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: It sounds like, and I think the attorney can clarify this for us, but it sounds like if all nine of us are at the next meeting and we want to vote on it, we can?

MR. PASSMAN: Precisely.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, we don't have to make that decision today. If we're not all nine at the next meeting, I would not be in favor of us voting again

because I don't know that that would be fair to the person who wasn't there to make it look like the board voted in favor or against, you know, without the full board present.

So, we'll see how it goes. But, yes, thanks for that clarification.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Would our missing Commissioner have access to the whole documentary?

MR. HUBBARD: I'm sorry, was that a question?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Will the transcript be available to Mary Jo before the next meeting is what I think you're asking, right, Terry?

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes, that's what I thought I asked. But thanks, Lynn, it's late, right?

MR. PASSMAN: I imagine certainly the video will be available if not the transcript.

MR. HUBBARD: Yes, the minutes should definitely be done by our next Plan Commission regular meeting on the 13th of October.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: I'm just wondering why Mary Jo would want them. I'd like to make a motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I second it.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: How about a roll call vote here?

MR. HUBBARD: Trustee Drost.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Aye.

MR. HUBBARD: Trustee Ennes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes, with comment.

MR. HUBBARD: Trustee Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Trustee Green.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: I'm sorry, Trustee. Commissioner Jensen.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes. Yes, without comment.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes. I'm glad to see we're all still smiling.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: And Chair Dawson.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes, and I was going to make a comment as a joke, but Terry's already done it.

So, Terry, what's your comment?

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I just want Shelter to know that we're all in favor of what you do in your project. I think you got that from all of our comments. It will depend on whether Mary Jo wants to listen to four-and-a-half hours, I believe it's 11:50, but four-and-a-half hours of recording.

MR. STOMPER: No, we thank you.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Thank you all very much.

MR. STOMPER: Yes, we thank you for your time and the comments and everything.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes.

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MR. STOMPER: So, we really do appreciate the detail that you guys have gone through here.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Well, good luck.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Well, my comment was going to be until you're eight months pregnant and at one of these meetings at Village Hall until 1:00 in the morning, none of you get to complain.

MR. STOMPER: Take care.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, bye everybody, good night.

MR. HUBBARD: Thanks all. Good evening.

(Whereupon, at 11:56 p.m., the public hearing on the above-mentioned petition was adjourned.)

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Plan Commission
10/20/2021

Item: Shelter, Inc - 207-209 E. Valley Ln. - PC#21-015

Department: Planning & Community Development

Project Background

The Village's Plan Commission held a public hearing on September 22, 2021 to consider a proposal by Shelter Inc., for a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane. After the public hearing portion was closed, the Plan Commission deliberated and the motion (vote) to approve the project resulted in a 4-4 tie. As a result, no recommendation was made. Pursuant to Village Code, the Plan Commission has 30 days to forward a recommendation to the Village Board, and therefore the Plan Commission has the opportunity to consider this project at their October 20, 2021 public meeting.

It should be noted that the public hearing concerning this application was held by the Plan Commission on September 22nd, 2021, and that the public hearing is now closed. Accordingly, no new evidence or testimony on this application can be considered by the Plan Commission and public comments will only be allowed after the Plan Commission has finalized their vote. Emails submitted by the public will be read at the meeting after a vote on the project has taken place.

Meeting Procedure

Hart Passman, the Village Attorney, will be present at the meeting on October 20th to address any questions on process/procedure for the meeting and any discussion.

Plan Commission Deliberation

We have been advised that all nine commissioners will be present at the meeting on October 20th. The Plan Commission can deliberate on the project and consider a motion as deemed appropriate by the Commission.
All prior reports and materials on this application are provided for ease of reference.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Supplemental Program Information - 9/22/21	Exhibits
Staff Report	Board or Commission Report

PC Minutes - 9/22/21 - DRAFT	Minutes
Aerial	Exhibits
Public Notice	Exhibits
CPRC Minutes 6/9/21	Minutes
CPRC Minutes - 5/26/21	Minutes
Justification for Variations & SUP - 7/27/21	Correspondence
Neighborhood Meeting Summary	Correspondence
Plat of Survey	Exhibits
Post CPRC meeting Public Comments	Correspondence
Pre CPRC meeting Public Comments	Correspondence
Program Summary	Exhibits
Resident Contract	Exhibits
Floor plan	Exhibits
Resident Handbook	Exhibits
Response to CPRC Report	Exhibits
TLP Interview Questions	Exhibits
Department Comments - Round 1	Exhibits
Department Comments - Round 1 - Petitioner Response	Exhibits
Department Comments - Round 2	Exhibits
Department Comments - Round 2 - Petitioner Response	Exhibits
Neighborhood Petition Against Development	Exhibits

Village of Arlington Heights
Additional Information for Planning Commission
9/22/2021

Shelter, Inc. is pleased to provide the following information for the Plan Commission Meeting on 9/22/2021.

Background Information

- Shelter, Inc. has operated a facility on the corner of Golf and Arlington Heights Road since the late 1990's. Prior to 2012, this facility was considered an Older Adolescent Group Home. In 2012, our program turned into a Transitional Living Program (TLP), which offered our youth more structure, guidance, goals, and a treatment plan for existing our program with a goal of living independently. In 2016, a change in clinical leadership was made and changes within the Transitional Living Program and screening tools began. In 2018, the agency brought a new Executive Director onboard and management began implementing changes within the TLP to reflect the needs of our youth and evidenced based practice to ensure the success of our young people.

- Since change in Executive leadership, Shelter, Inc. has worked tirelessly to enhance our programs, meet the needs of the young people in our community, and strengthen our safety protocols. We collaborate and partner with many other service providers in our area to strengthen our community and ensure that every child grows up in a safe and loving home.

Staffing & Occupancy

- Safety is our number one priority. We understand the importance of keeping our youth, staff,and community safe always.

- We have 24-hour supervision of the home by trained staff. One staff per six residents is required at a minimum. There are three shifts, and each staff person must be awake during their shift. There are hourly checks overnight and the home will be outfitted with security cameras and an alarm system. These safety features are installed in all our residential homes and increase the level of safety and security of our residents, staff and the community.
  Residents are allowed to leave for work/school or to visit friends/family, but they must signout and staff must be able to contact them. A midnight curfew is enforced, and any residentnot accounted for by the required time is immediately reported to DCFS and a missing person's report is filed (as mandated by DCFS).

- Our staff working at the Transitional Living Program include resident advisors with bachelor's and master's degrees, a house manager with a bachelor's degree, a case manager,one MSW therapist, an LCPC treatment coordinator, and the support and oversight by the clinical director

who has an MSW and an LCSW. An attachment of all staff and their credentials is attached.

- While our petition talks about an expansion to 12 possible youth, this could take years, if atall, to even achieve. Our priority is to ensure that the 6 current youth that we have do well within the community and that our staff adjusts to the new location. We would then look atthe program, continue to implement new evidenced based practices, and if it's appropriate,offer an additional space for another youth.

- Our ratio is always 1 staff to 6 young people. If we did increase our youth to 7, we would need to hire additional staff, reducing our ratio and increasing our safety standards.

Safety and Screening Protocols

- Since 2016, we have only had 97 calls to the AHPD.

2016	14
2017	7
2018	22
2019	26
2020	17
2021	2

- When looking into these calls, we determined non-criminal calls(curfew violations, mental health checks, etc.) make up a heavy majority of the calls. Below are the percentages of non-criminal calls

2016: 50 %	2019: 96.15%
2017: 71.43%	2020: 60.71%
2018: 86.36%	2021: 100%

- The context of the above calls is very important. A document is attached that goes into moredepth about what these calls to the police are. Please note, there has been a 96% decrease in calls to the police from 2020 to 2021. The decrease in calls is a direct result of the enhancedscreening protocols and increased mental health services that we provide to the residents.

- Our enhanced screening and proactive accountability measures included more specific questions regarding legal/criminal involvement, on probation/parole, aggression, gang involvement, sexually problematic behaviors, and if they have to been registered on the sex offender registry (either juvenile or adult). We get additional details regarding mental healthdiagnosis and history, prescribed medications, compliance with the medications through incident reports, and willingness to comply with the medications if accepted to the program.

- In 2020, the State made a significant change that for the first time gave us access to the DCFS case file of our young people. By providing us access to each potential resident'sState Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) case files, the State revolutionized the screening capabilities of our TLP applicants. We now know their complete histories and are much more confident they can complete the TLP program successfully. Case managers have access to psychological reports, therapy reports, psychiatric reports, school reports, history of physical/verbal aggression, property damage, police involvement, peer and staff relations, etc. Shelter can refuse to accept any referral that does not fit the safety standards for this program. When we see incidents for aggression towards staff, property damage, sex offences, violent offences, or poor relationships with peers, we decline them.

- Over time, we noticed an increased need for mental health services; however, those serviceswere met with many barriers. Since the residents' healthcare is covered by Medicaid, and providers who accept Medicaid in the suburbs is limited, residents either had to travel to other cities (Oak Park, Evanston, Chicago) or wait up to 18 months for services. Seeing thisneed for increased support, we started our own Clinical Program so that we can provide mental health services onsite. Over the past year, we have been able to increase case management and start both group and one-on-one therapy sessions with all the residents.

- We have not had to call the police on any of our current residents. We can attribute this to our new clinical program that gives our young people access to mental health services 24/7,and enhanced screening procedures and access to SACWIS files.

Parking/Transportation

- Shelter, Inc is not requesting a variance for additional parking at the 207 and 209 E. Valley Lane. The youth do not own cars and if they did, would not be able to park their vehicle on our property or within the neighborhood.

- The fact that the youth do not own cars is why this location is perfect for them. They are in walking distance to many employers, many of which already employ our current young people. Our clients would be able to have consistency with their current employer by transferring to a closer location within walking distance to this facility.

- If transportation was needed, each client is given a transportation stipend of $110 each month to

use for uber, etc. In addition, their school transportation is paid for by the McKinney Vento Act. Therefore, the lack of public transportation is not an issue for our young people.

Accreditations and Community Support

- Shelter Inc operates as a fully licensed child welfare agency accredited by the Council on Accreditation and Healthy Families America. Every four years, the Council on Accreditation conducts a thorough review of all staff, programs and policies to ensure that the highest standards of best practice and safety are being met. This accreditation process takes months to complete and includes site visits of all programs and interviews with staff, residents, clients and community stakeholders.

- Shelter Inc is funded by state and local entities including: the Department of Human Services, the Illinois State Board of Education, and the Department of Children and Family Services. We are licensed by DCFS and failure to follow their standards would result in termination of the program and possibly losing our license. Shelter is also supported by local townships including Wheeling, Elk Grove, Palatine, Schaumburg, Hanover Park, Vernon Hills and Des Plaines. The Village of Arlington Heights also approved CDBG funding in 2019 for our current Transitional Living Program residence but we were unable to accept the funds since our landlord could not provide a five-year lease.

- Shelter Inc operates two additional homes for youth ages 11 – 17 in Schaumburg and Palatine. Both of these homes are located in residential areas and have the full support of the immediate neighbors, their respective police departments and the mayors of both towns. The neighbors have stated that they are proud to have Shelter Inc in their community and we have strong working relationships with staff and elected officials in both Schaumburg and Palatine.

Shelter, Inc. Staff

FOR THE TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM

Shelter's qualified and state-accredited staff is trained in trauma-informed care and has a wide range of experience addressing the needs of young people who have been abused, neglected or abandoned. TLP is supervised 24 hours a day.

Supervisory Staff

Carina H. Santa Maria, MSW, LCSW
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
3 years at Shelter, Inc. and 11 years in social services

Gina Ciulla, MSW, LCSW
CLINICAL DIRECTOR
27 years at Shelter, Inc.

Kristie Langley, MA, LCPC
TREATMENT COORDINATOR
2 years at Shelter, Inc.

Vincent Burton, MSW
THERAPIST
Hired in 2021

Caitlyn Lierman, MSW Candidate
CASE MANAGER
9 years at Shelter, Inc. and 3 years at TLP

Alexandra Salcedo, BA
TLP COORDINATOR
Hired in 2021

Resident Advisors

Andre Barnes, BA
1.5 years at Shelter, Inc.

Gina Lozano
15 years at Shelter, Inc.

Amanda Treptow, BA
Hired in 2021

Stacy Morrow, BA
5 years at Shelter, Inc.

Tiffany Moore, MBA, MNP, MCD
2 years at Shelter, Inc.

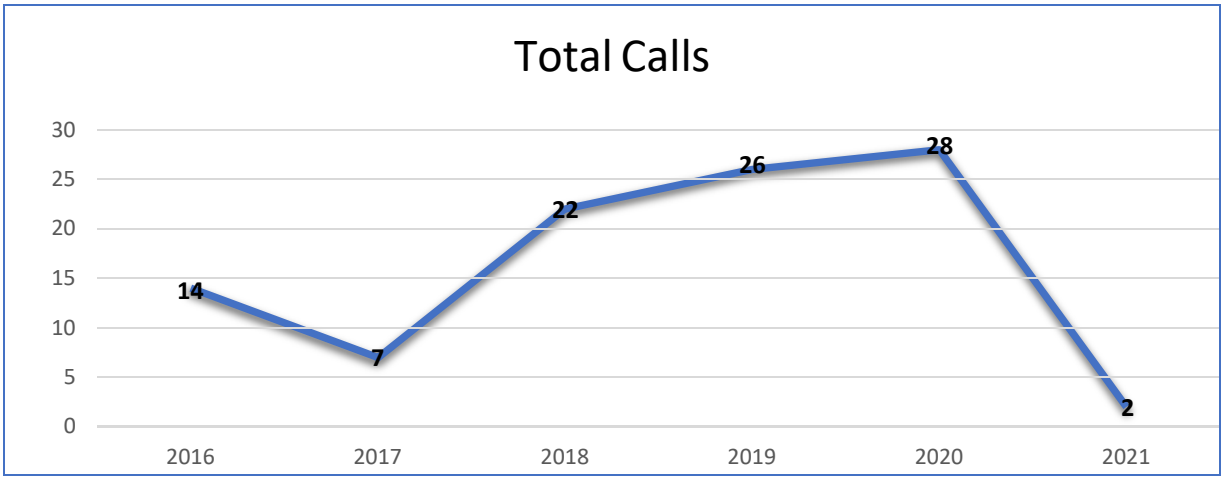
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TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM

POLICE CALL HISTORY 2016-2021



YEAR	TOTAL CALLS	NUMBER OF CALLS FOR CURFEW, MENTAL HEALTH OR NON-CRIMINAL	PERCENTAGE OF NON-CRIMINAL CALLS	Number of more serious calls	REASON FOR OTHER CALLS	More Information
2016	14	7	50%	7	Theft under $500, theft over $500, criminal damage and trespass to property	
2017	7	5	71.43%	2	Disorderly conduct, theft under $500	5 video games stolen Youth upset with staff – verbal aggression/threats
2018	22	19	86.36%	3	Domestic battery, theft under $500	Money stolen from one youth by another, argument between peers
2019	26	25	96.15%	1	Theft under $500	Nintendo stolen from one youth from another
*2020	28	17	60.71%	11	Peer altercation, simple assault (verbal threat), theft under $500, theft over $500	*13 out of the 17 calls where due to a youth who had to be removed. The other 4 were for verbal threats

2021	2	2	100%	0	None	

*In 2020, 13 of the 17 calls were related to one individual that was not a fit for our program. We then worked with DCFS To get his case transferred.

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PRESIDENT
John M. Stomper
Partner
CohnReznick, LLP

John M. Stomper, CPA, is an audit partner in CohnReznick's Chicago office. He has more than 30 years of diverse accounting experience working with companies in the manufacturing and financial services industries. John provides audit and consulting services to an array of clients, including distributions companies, private equity funds, hedge funds, and registered investment companies (mutual funds, unit investment trusts, and BDC's). He currently serves private equity funds, hedge funds, and other alternative investment vehicles. In addition to his work with Shelter, John is involved with Saint Simons Church where he was previously a senior warden.



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Guy W. Eisenhuth
Chairman and President
Village Bank and Trust

Guy Eisenhuth joined Wintrust Financial as President and CEO of Village Bank & Trust in 2010. In addition to his responsibilities at Village Bank, Mr. Eisenhuth is an Executive Vice President and member of the Operating Committee at Wintrust Financial Corporation where he serves as Market Manager responsible for Schaumburg, Village, Barrington, and St. Charles Bank & Trust. In addition to his work with Shelter, he and his wife Susan are also members of the President's Circle at Northwest Community Hospital where Mr. Eisenhuth serves as a Board member, Chairman of the Investment Committee, and a member of the Finance and Audit Committees.



TREASURER
Rebecca Helkowski
Operations Leader
Zurich North America

Rebecca Helkowski is currently a Business Practices and Project Consultant with Zurich North America. She is a trusted leader and influencer within the organization having gained increasing levels of responsibility focused on the delivery of strategic goals. She has over 20 years of consulting experience including roles with operational, financial and process analysis, strategy development, process engineering and modeling, change management and continuous improvement responsibilities. Rebecca is the former president of the IL Chapter of the Pajama Program and was recently recognized by Zurich for her community contributions and efforts.



SECRETARY
Heather Moss
Private Equity Practice Lead
ADP

Heather Moss serves as the Private Equity practice lead for Chicago's middle market PE firms, providing cross-portfolio operational support and resources. During her tenure with ADP, she has served on leadership boards and mentor board of director's spot, numerous president's clubs and district manager of the year. Additional experience includes the advisory board for Sales Empowerment Group (SEG), partner and board member for Fig, a technology start-up, board member for Face the Future foundation, and sponsor/committee member for Chicago's Financial Executives International. She is also a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity- Colombia.

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MEMBER

Leslie A. Carlson

VP Head of International Support
Zurich North America

Leslie is a a highly creative and accomplished leader with expertise in creating and delivering concepts leveraging her unique background and experience in technology, business, and operations. With more than 20 years experience in the insurance industry, Leslie has attracted, developed and led high performing diverse talent that can challenge status quo and drive logical and customer-centric solutions. Her goal is to bring teams together to deliver creative, innovative solutions for business needs and risks around changing technology. Leslie is passionate about helping children in need.



MEMBER

Larry Colllins

Former VP
Zurich Insurance Group

Larry Collins is a former Vice President at Zurich Insurance Group where he spent 28 years in the management of teams conducting on-site risk assessments. His specialties there included industrial safety, cybersecurity, and on-line service platform development. Larry has been an active Shelter volunteer since 2016, staffing fundraising events, painting offices, and serving on committees. He is currently helping Shelter assess potential risks and implementing mitigation strategies.



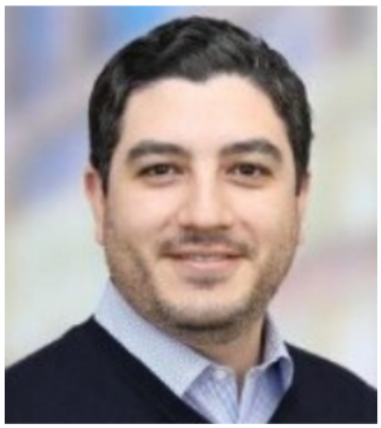
MEMBER

J.J. Comiskey

VP
Cornerstone Bank

John (JJ) Comiskey is a Vice President at Cornerstone National Bank & Trust Company in the commercial lending area. He works with local small and mid-sized family-owned businesses to support their business and personal banking and lending needs. Prior to joining Cornerstone National Bank in March 2013, he worked as a Financial Advisor for 5 years, most recently with JPMorgan Securities.

He is a graduate from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance. He grew up in Elk Grove Village and is a lifelong Illinois resident. He enjoys all things sports and resides in Chicago with his wife.



MEMBER

Carlos Cruz

Partner
Bain and Company

Carlos Cruz is a Partner with Bain & Company, a global management consulting firm. He has over 15 years of industry and management consulting experience. In hiscurrent role, he advises and works with executives in the Consumer Goods and Retail space across every dimension of the COO agenda. Additionally, Carlos is an active member in the Executives' Club of Chicago where he collaborates with other executives around issues shaping the food and beverage industry in Chicago like consumer habits, product innovation, and changing customer expectations. On the personal front, Carlos enjoys spending time with his family outdoors (running, golfing, grilling, skiing) around the Chicago suburbs.

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MEMBER
Samara Tuchband
VP Merchandising
Crate & Barrel

Samara Tuchband is Vice President of Merchandising at Crate and Barrel. With more than 17 years of merchant and marketing experience, Samara has a blended multichannel background in physical, brick and mortar, retail and digital. She is a thought leader, passionate about creating customer journeys that intersect with product. At Crate and Barrel, she leads the overall strategy and tactical execution related to all aspects of customer-centric product assortment, pricing, and P&L management for the brand across in-store and online channels. Prior to joining Crate and Barrel in 2018, Samara spent six years with The Home Depot as a GM leading Merchandising and experience teams within eCommerce.

MEMBER
Jennifer Ryder
EVP and General Counsel
Gallagher Benefit Services

Since 2017, Jennifer Ryder has served as Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. where she manages legal matters arising from its global operations and advises Gallagher Benefit Services on a wide range o and regulatory issues. Most recently, Jennifer was Litigation Counsel at Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. In this role, she handled litigated and non-litigated disputes and regulatory matters for all Gallagher subsidiaries. Prior to this position, Jennifer spent ten years as a trial attorney at a Chicago law firm where she specialized in civil and commercial litigation. In addition to her work with Shelter, Jennifer has been a strong supporter of the Jeffrey Pride Foundation and the Illinois Chapter of JDRF.

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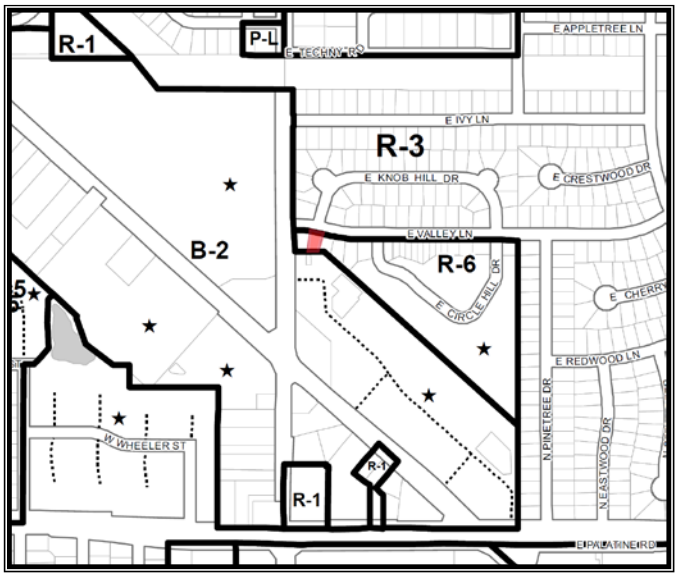
STAFF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

***Project Number**: PC 21-015*
***Project Title**: Shelter, Inc.*
***Location**: 207-209 E. Valley Lane*
***PIN**: 03-17-301-009*

***To**: Plan Commission*
***Prepared By**: Sam Hubbard, Development Planner*
***Meeting Date**: September 22, 2021*
***Date Prepared**: September 17, 2021*

***Petitioner**: Carina H. Santa Maria*
Shelter, Inc.
***Address**: 1616 Arlington Heights Road,*
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

***Existing Zoning**: R-6: Multiple-Family Dwelling District*
***Comprehensive Plan**: Single-Family Detached*



SURROUNDING LAND USES

Direction	Existing Zoning	Existing Use	Comprehensive Plan
North	R-3, One-Family Dwelling District	Single-Family Homes	Single-Family Detached
South	B-2, General Business District	Northpoint Shopping Center (Chase Bank outlot w/drive-thru)	Offices Only
East	R-6, Multi-Family Dwelling District	Two-Family home	Single-Family Detached
West	R-6, Multi-Family Dwelling District	Two-Family home	Single-Family Detached

Requested Action:

1. Special Use Permit to allow a "Sheltered Care" home on the subject property.

Variations Required:

1. Variation to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code, Section 6.12-1(3), to waive the requirement for a traffic and parking study from a qualified professional engineer.
2. Variation to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code, Section 10.4, to reduce the required off-street parking spaces from 10 spaces to 2 spaces.

Project Background:

The subject property is located along East Valley Lane and is 7,932 square feet in size and currently occupied by a two-story duplex. The structure includes an attached two-car garage, as well as sufficient space to park two additional cars (each car tandem style to the garage) within the driveway. The site borders a Chase bank to the south, duplexes on both the east and west sides, and is located across the street from single-family homes. At its intersection with Arlington Heights Road approximately 80' to the west of the subject property, East Valley Lane provides a full access intersection under stop sign control at the westbound approach.

The petitioner, Shelter, Inc., submitted an application as contract purchaser and has subsequently purchased the property and would like to use the building for its Transitional Living Program (TLP), which provides a home for individuals assigned male at birth, under guardianship by DCFS, and are between the ages of 17.5-21 that are aging out of the welfare system. The residents would spend two years in the program and would then receive resources and guidance to find permanent housing and secure job opportunities. While residing at the subject property, the tenants would receive medical and dental care, clothing, and assistance with general living and social skills so they can be successful upon graduation.

Shelter, Inc. is a great asset to Arlington Heights and they provide a valuable service and benefit to the community. Currently, the TLP program is located in a home along Golf Road just west of Arlington Heights Road (397 W. Golf Road). From this location, Shelter, Inc. has been able to provide a home for hundreds of individuals over the last decade, helping those in need with stable housing, counseling, guidance, and a positive living environment for young adults in the custody of DCFS. The Golf Road location includes three bedrooms (total facility capacity is six residents – two per bedroom) and is within walking distance of jobs and transportation (two Pace bus routes and Pace "Call n Ride" service). However, the property owner has put the property up for sale, and so Shelter, Inc. needs a new home.

The East Valley Lane duplex includes one unit on each floor. Each unit contains three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen, and a living/common area. A two-car garage is shared between both units, and a separate laundry/storage room is located to the rear of the garage. DCFS requires that individuals in the TLP program be supervised 24 hours a day at a ratio of one staff member for every six residents. The proposed facility, with a maximum capacity of 12 individuals (six in each unit – two per bedroom), would have two staff members onsite at all times. However, if only six residents (or less) are in the program at any point, Shelter, Inc. has proposed clustering them in one unit with two per bedroom and one staff member onsite at all times.

The existing garage would be converted to storage and common areas, and the laundry room would be modified to include a staff office. Cameras would be installed through-out each unit and in certain areas on the exterior of the building. An existing rear storage shed, which is in a non-compliant location, would be removed. There are no other changes proposed to the exterior of the property or exterior of the building.

Program Attributes

As mentioned above, Shelter, Inc. delivers a valuable service to the community and the section below outlines some of the key characteristics of the TLP program, which takes a comprehensive approach and provides high-quality services for each participant.

- Prior to being accepted into the program, all young adults are screened and interviewed to determine if they are a good fit for the program and will be compatible with the current residents at the home. The screening process allows Shelter, Inc. access to each individuals case files, where

they can evaluate case notes, incident reports, historic service plans, integrated assessments, etc. prior to conducting an interview. Individuals with a significant criminal history, juvenile/adult sexual assault, or history of violence are not accepted into the program.

- Upon acceptance into the program and moving into the house, all residents are provided with a "Transitional Living Program Handbook", which contains a copy of all the rules, regulations, resources, and expectations for the TLP program.

- The facility is staffed 24 hours a day at a ratio of one staff member per six residents. Staff members work in three shifts (7am-3pm, 3pm-11pm, 11pm-7am).

- Staff must be at least 25 years old and have a bachelor's degree in a related field. After completing a week-long agency orientation, all staff complete mandatory training on an annual basis that includes: CPR, mandated reporter training, Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) training to provide strategies for safely defusing anxious, hostile, or violent behavior at the earliest possible stage, and Think Trauma training to help staff understand trauma, its impact on youth, and appropriate care. Ongoing professional development courses are encouraged for each employee.

- Shelter, Inc. established its own clinical mental health program to streamline the provision of mental health services for residents. Counselling, therapy, and group sessions are offered onsite, and residents are encouraged (sometimes required) to participate in certain mental health support activities.

- Curfew for all residents is midnight. Residents that are not home by midnight are reported missing and a Police report is filed. No overnight visitors are allowed. Quiet hours are between 11pm and 7am.

- No visitors under the age of 18 are allowed on the property and visitors over the age of 18 must provide a valid form of ID.

- Residents are required to either work or go to school and residents who are consistently unable to meet this obligation will not be allowed to remain in the program.

- During waking hours, staff will be in the units engaging and working with residents. There will be times when staff will need to complete paperwork and will be in their office on the first floor of the property. During the overnight shifts, staff must do hourly room checks to ensure that all residents are on the property. Staff is responsible to know where each youth is at all hours of the day.

- Residents are allotted a certain amount of money per month for transportation costs, which can be used for public transportation, Uber/Lyft, or taxi's/cabs. If a resident is enrolled in college, DCFS provides additional transportation assistance.

- Residents are not prohibited from owning cars, however, cars cannot be stored on the property. Should a resident own a car, they would need to find an appropriate off-site location to store it overnight. However, it is not common for a resident to own a car.

Zoning and Comprehensive Plan

The subject property is zoned R-6, Multi-family Dwelling District, which is an appropriate district for the current duplex structure on the property. The proposed use is classified as a "Sheltered Care" home and

therefore only allowed within the R-6 District via a Special Use Permit. The definition of a "Sheltered Care" home is "*an establishment licensed to provide assistance, supervision or oversight to residents, usually short term. A sheltered care home may not provide skilled or intermediate nursing services nor care for those cases for which hospitalization is generally required*." As a special use, the petition must therefore be evaluated under the following criteria and may only be approved should it be determined that all criteria has been met:

1. ***That said special use is deemed necessary for the public convenience at this location.***
2. ***That such case will not, under the circumstances of the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety, morals or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity.***
3. ***That the proposed use will comply with the regulations and conditions specified in this ordinance for such use, and with the stipulations and conditions made a part of the authorization granted by the Village Board of Trustees.***

The petitioner has provided a written response addressing each criterion, which response has been included in the information transmitted to the Plan Commission. The Staff Development Committee has concerns that the proposed facility does not comply with all criteria as necessary for Special Use Permit approval, which concerns are outlined within the remainder of this report.

The Comprehensive Plan currently designates the property as "Single-Family Detached" which does not comply with the current duplex use or the proposed use of the property as a Sheltered Care facility. However, while the proposed Shelter Care Facility is not a single-family home as envisioned by the Comprehensive Plan, the use is primarily residential in nature and allowed (via Special Use Permit) in all one-family, two-family, and multiple-family residential districts.

Conceptual Plan Review Committee:

The petitioner appeared before the Conceptual Plan Review Committee twice, on both May 26 and June 9 of this year. During both appearances the CPRC expressed concerns with the ability of the facility to be compatible with the surrounding community. There was significant discussion on calls for police service, the merits of the facility and TLP program, and what location could be appropriate for this type of use. Both staff and the commissioners recommended the petitioner hold a neighborhood meeting in advance of any future Plan Commission hearing, to introduce the project to the community and understand what concerns they may have. The CPRC concluded that, should the petitioner elect to move forward, they would need to illustrate compliance with all criteria necessary for Special Use Permit approval.

Neighborhood Meeting:

As per the recommendation by the Conceptual Plan Review Committee, the petitioner coordinated and held a neighborhood meeting on August 24 of 2021. A summary of the discussion, as prepared by the petitioner, is included in the materials transmitted to the Plan Commission.

Public Input:

The Village has received a significant amount of public input relative to this project, both in favor and against. Several residents within the required 250' radius of this project have submitted a petition in opposition to the proposed Special Use Permit, citing that due to their petition a super-majority vote by the Village Board is required to approve this development. However, it should be noted that this provision for a supermajority vote is only applicable to properties that immediately abut or are located directly across the street from the subject property. Furthermore, this provision is only applicable when a rezoning (map

amendment) or code change (text amendment) is required; a Special Use Permit application does not trigger this provision.

Police Call Volume

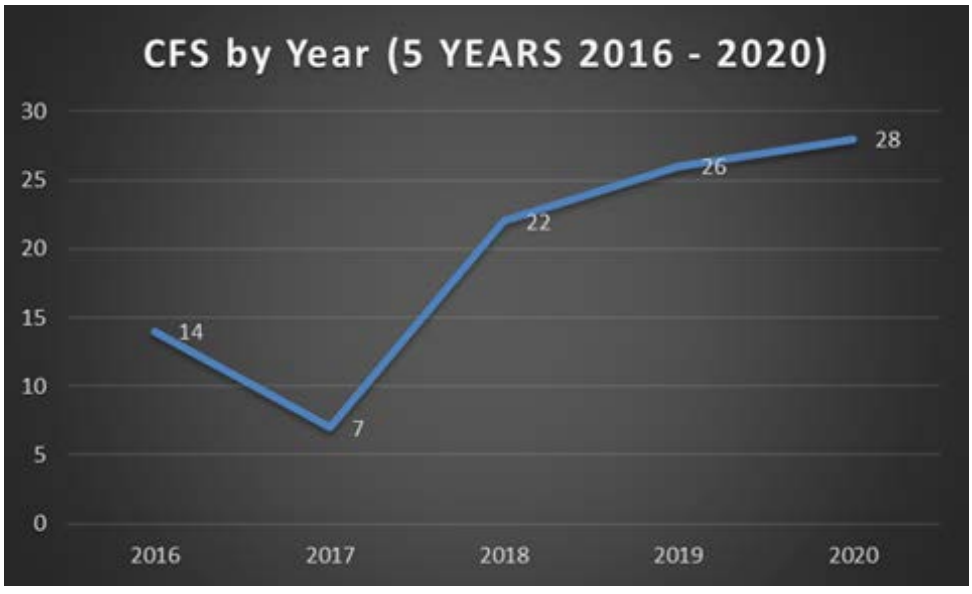
Because Shelter, Inc. has had their TLP program within Arlington Heights at 397 W. Golf Road since at least 2012 (and possibly earlier), the Village has been able to analyze the number of calls for police service that the six-person capacity facility generates. Over the last 10 years, the existing facility has made 553 calls for police service. Below is a breakdown on these calls:

- 358 Runaway/missing persons calls (65% of total)
- 120 Public Service calls (i.e. Check for Well-Being, Premise Checks, Information for Police, etc.) representing approximately 21.5% of the total.
- 49 Criminal Incidents and Public Complaints (i.e. Domestic Disturbances, Unwanted Subjects, Disputes, Theft, Drug Possession, etc.) representing approximately 13.5% of the total.
- 26 Public Complaint calls (5% of total)

On average, this breaks down to between four to five calls for police service per month. It should be noted that the Valley Lane facility would have 12 individuals, which is twice the size of the existing Golf Road facility and therefore it is assumed that the proposed facility would generate twice the volume of calls for police service, which equates to eight to ten calls for police service per month. For perspective, there has been one call for police service at the existing two-unit residence over the last five years.

Shelter, Inc. has been proactive over the last several years in implementing strategies to reduce the number of police calls and enable resolution of conflicts without outside assistance. This is evidenced by their CPI training, Think/Trauma training, enhanced screening, and the establishment of clinical services for their residents. They have pointed out that over the last five years, the majority of calls at their existing facility have been for curfew violations, mental health checks and other non-criminal reasons, although they acknowledge that there was a resident in 2020 that had increased mental needs and caused a spike in the number of calls. That resident was not able to receive the most appropriate services at Shelter, Inc. and is no longer in the program.

The Police Department has analyzed the Calls For Service (CFS) at the existing facility over the last several years and provided the chart below:



While the Police Department acknowledges that the 97 calls over the last five years is a 79% reduction over the 456 calls from the five years prior, they make the following points:

- Calls for service in the past five years have been slowly been trending upwards.
- 2020 experienced a 100% increase from 2016, and a 300% increase from 2017.
- While calls for service do appear to be trending downward for 2021, concerns still exist for a potential increase in the total calls for service, especially with a doubling of resident capacity.

The primary concern with the proposed facility is the high volume of calls for police service. While the high volume of police calls are not an issue from a capacity standpoint, i.e. the Police Department has capacity to accommodate for any increase in calls from the proposed facility, it is the impact that the number of calls would have on those living and working in the vicinity that is of concern to the Staff Development Committee.

The existing facility is located in an area that is not within close proximity to residential uses. The chart below summarizes its location relative to nearby residential uses, and compares that to the proposed facility on East Valley Lane.

	North	South	East	West
Existing Facility 397 W. Golf Road	315'	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proposed Location 207-209 E. Valley Lane	122'	N/A	22'	19'

A complete comparison is included in **Exhibit I** at the end of this report. One of the reasons for the success of the existing facility with regards to police impact on those living and working in the vicinity, is that it is not located directly abutting any residential property; the closest residential use is located at least 315' to the north. However, the location of the proposed facility directly abuts a two-family unit to the east and to the west. To the north across Valley Lane there are two single-family homes, one located 122' to the northwest and the other 132' to the northeast. When considering the number of police calls, the location of the subject property directly abutting residential uses, and the doubling in size of the facility, the Staff Development Committee has concerns that the requested Special Use could be detrimental to the general welfare of those living and working in the vicinity.

Building, Site, and Landscaping:

The petitioner is not proposing any exterior changes to the building or site, other than upgrading the landscaping and removing the shed in the rear yard. As mentioned above, certain interior changes to the building are proposed and these changes will be required to conform to all Building Code requirements. Staff notes that the facility must have fire sprinklers, emergency escape windows in every bedroom, and fire rated construction separating the first floor from the second floor may be required. No Design Commission review is required as no exterior changes have been proposed.

Parking, Traffic, and Transportation:

Per code, a traffic and parking study is required for any Special Use Permit proposed for land that does not abut a major or secondary arterial. East Valley Lane is classified as a collector street and therefore the petitioner is required to provide a detailed traffic and parking study from a Certified Traffic Engineer that

assesses access (location, design, and Level of Service), on-site circulation, trip generation and distribution, and parking. However, the petitioner has requested the following variations:

- ***Variation to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code, Section 6.12-1(3), to waive the requirement for a traffic and parking study from a qualified professional engineer.***

The petitioner has provided a written response to the four criteria necessary for variations approval, which criteria have been reiterated below:

- **The proposed use will not alter the essential character of the locality and will be compatible with existing uses and zoning of nearby property.**
- **The plight of the owner is due to unique circumstances, which may include the length of time the subject property has been vacant as zoned.**
- **The proposed variation is in harmony with the spirit and intent of this Chapter.**
- **The variance requested is the minimum variance necessary to allow reasonable use of the property.**

Staff does not take issue with this variation and would not expect the proposed development to have a substantial impact on traffic or parking. Since residents are not allowed park a car on the subject property, parking would not be an issue; the two driveway spaces are sufficient to accommodate for the two staff supervisors, and additional staff (as needed) can be accommodated via street parking. The 12-person capacity sheltered care home would not be anticipated to have a detrimental impact on traffic in the vicinity.

With regards to parking requirements, the Zoning Code does not contain a line item for a "Sheltered Care" home within the table of parking requirements, and as such, staff must apply the requirements for the most similar use listed in the table of parking requirements. Staff has determined the most similar use to be a "Dormitory", which requires two spaces per three residents and one space for each staff member. At maximum capacity of 12 residents, eight spaces would be required for the residents and two spaces for each employee (10 total spaces required). As outlined above, the subject property currently provides a two-car garage, which is proposed for conversion to living space. Should the garage be converted to living space, it would open up the driveway to be used for parking, and the site would contain a total of two driveway parking spaces. Therefore, the following variation is required.

- ***Variation to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code, Section 10.4, to reduce the required off-street parking spaces from 10 spaces to 2 spaces.***

The petitioner has submitted written justification addressing each of the four criteria necessary for variation approval. As stated above, because residents are not allowed to park cars on the subject property, the only parking demand would be for the two staff supervisors and occasional additional staff on an as needed basis. The staff supervisors can be accommodated in the two driveway spaces, and any auxiliary staff parking needed (which is not expected to be common) can be accommodated on the street. Overnight street parking in this neighborhood is not allowed. Per code, one bike parking space is required, which can be accommodated within the interior storage area on the first floor.

Because it is unlikely for a resident to have access to a car, it is important that the proposed facility be close to public transportation. The existing Golf Road TLP facility is within walking distance to two PACE bus routes and is within the PACE "Call N Ride" on-demand transportation service. The proposed facility is not in close proximity to any PACE bus routes and is not within the "Call N Ride" service zone. Therefore,

residents would need to find employment within walking distance, or pay for a Lyft/Uber. The TLP program provides a transportation stipend, which can be used for transportation expenses, and if a resident is enrolled in college, then DCFS offers additional transportation assistance. However, the lack of public transportation options in close proximity to the Valley Lane site is a concern to the Staff Development Committee.

Options

The Staff Development Committee has identified three options for the Plan Commission to consider:

Option #1: **Approve the Special Use Permit as requested,** finding that the application conforms to all criteria. The Plan Commission would need to determine if the high volume of Police calls for service have decreased over the last five years to levels that are not detrimental to the safety, morals, and general welfare of person residing or working in the vicinity. The Plan Commission would need to find that the majority of calls for service relate to curfew violations, which normally do not result in a police car being dispatched to the site, and despite an increase in the size of the facility, the calls would not therefore be detrimental to those in the vicinity. Finally, the Plan Commission would need to find that the lack of public transportation options does not have a substantially negative impact on the facility being in this location.

Option #2: **Deny the Special Use Permit as requested**, finding that not all approval criteria have been met. Specifically, the Plan Commission would need to determine that the high volume of calls for police service would be detrimental to the safety, morals, and general welfare of persons residing in the vicinity. While the existing location is successful due to its' relative seclusion from adjacent residential uses, placing this use directly abutting residential uses on each side would increase the likelihood of detrimental neighborhood interactions and cause calls for police service at this location to be more impactful on surrounding neighbors. It is also a reasonable assumption that doubling of resident occupancy would cause an increase in the number of police calls. The Plan Commission would also need to determine that the proposed location, without sufficient access to fixed route public transportation or "Call N Ride" by Pace, is not necessary for the public convenience at this location.

Option #3: **Approve the Special Use Permit with a restriction on** occupancy of the facility to one resident per bedroom (6-bedrooms equals 6 residents maximum). If each youth/adult have their own space and privacy, it can assist in reducing conflicts within the house, whereby reducing calls for police service and protecting the safety, morals, and general welfare of the vicinity. This would allow for a facility that is more comparable in size to a typical household in the area relative to occupancy. For this option, the Plan Commission could find that the necessary criteria for approval have been met, but subject to the property and facility abiding by certain restrictions/limitations. Notably, the Plan Commission should deliberate on whether limits to the occupancy would help to preserve and protect the safety, morals, and general welfare of the residents living and working in the vicinity. Should the Plan Commission believe that the necessary criteria for approval can be met via restrictions on the property usage, a list of potential restrictions is included within the Recommendation below.

RECOMMENDATION

The Staff Development Committee (SDC) reviewed application #PC 21-005, a request for a Special Use Permit to allow a "Sheltered Care" home on the subject property, as well as the following variations to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code:

- Variation to Section 6.12-1(3), to waive the requirement for a traffic and parking study from a qualified professional engineer.

- Variation to Section 10.4, to reduce the required off-street parking spaces from 10 spaces to 2 spaces.

The Special Use Permit request was reviewed under the criteria for Special Use Permit approval as outlined within the Zoning Code and included below:

1. That the special use is deemed necessary for the public convenience at this location; and
2. That such use will not, under the circumstances of the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety, morals or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity; and
3. That the proposed use will comply with the regulations and conditions specified in this Chapter for such use and with the stipulations and conditions made a part of the authorization granted by the Village Board of Trustees.

The Staff Development Committee acknowledges the important role Shelter, Inc. provides to those in need. However, the Staff Development Committee does not find that all of the Special Use Criteria has been met for the proposed 12-person (plus staffing) Sheltered Care facility. The Staff Development Committee **cannot support** the proposed requested Special Use for a "Sheltered Care" home on the subject property, which would be double the capacity of the existing Shelter, Inc. facility located on Golf Road.

If the Plan Commission determines that the Special Use criteria has been met and approval of the Special Use Permit is warranted, then the Staff Development Committee recommends the following conditions of approval should be considered:

1. Capacity of the two units shall be a maximum of one individual per bedroom (maximum of six residents on the subject property with one in each bedroom) plus staff/counselors.
2. No less than one staff per six residents shall be present at the facility at all times, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year so adequate supervision can be provided between the two units.
3. All staff must be trained in CPI and Think/Trauma training (or substantially similar training) to be able to de-escalate conflict and provide appropriate care for residents.
4. The petitioner shall establish and follow screening procedures which will allow them to identify and accept the most appropriate candidates for the program.
5. Operation of the facility shall occur in substantial compliance to the "Transitional Living Program Handbook", which shall be updated for review by staff prior to appearing at the Village Board.
6. The petitioner shall work with the Police Department to establish appropriate onsite security, as applicable, and shall establish regular reporting of statistics and resident contact information if warranted.
7. Residents living on the subject property shall not be allowed to park cars on the subject property.
8. The petitioner shall comply with all Federal, State, and Village Codes, Regulations, and Policies.

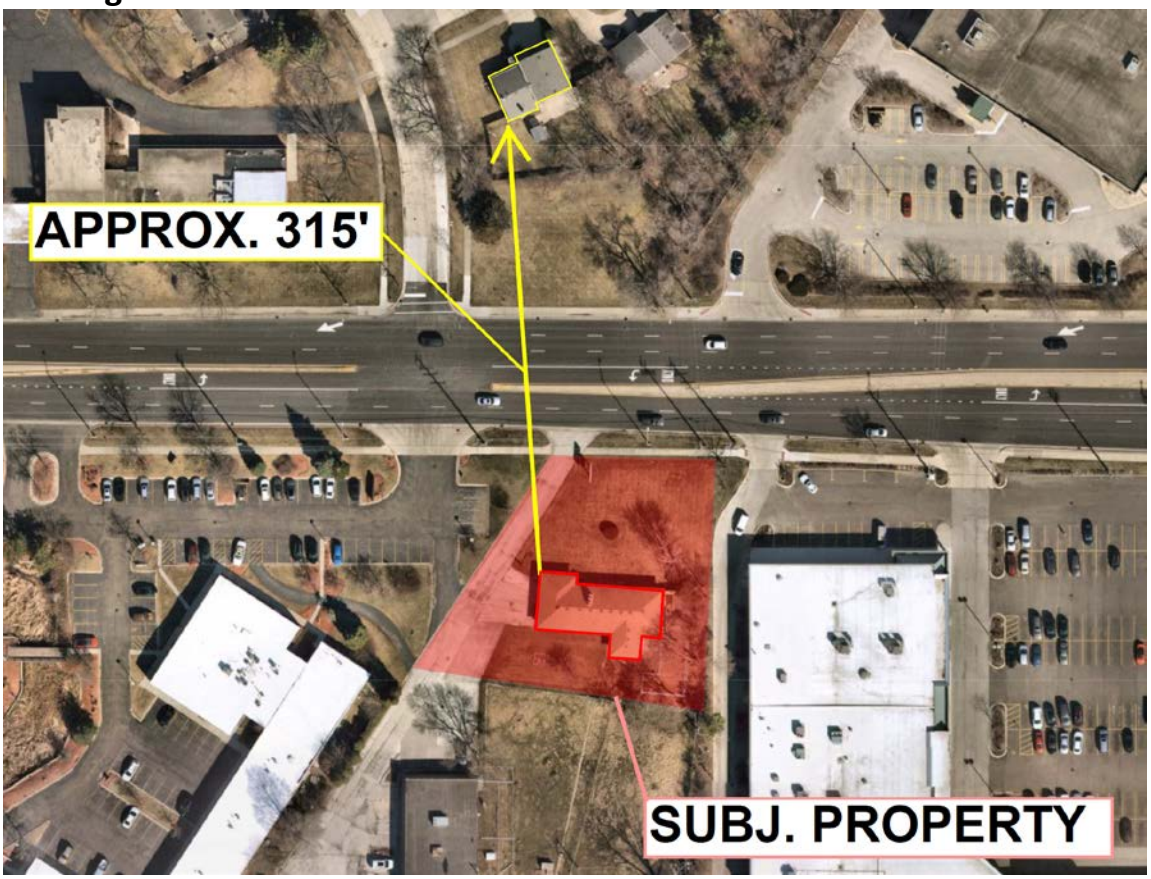
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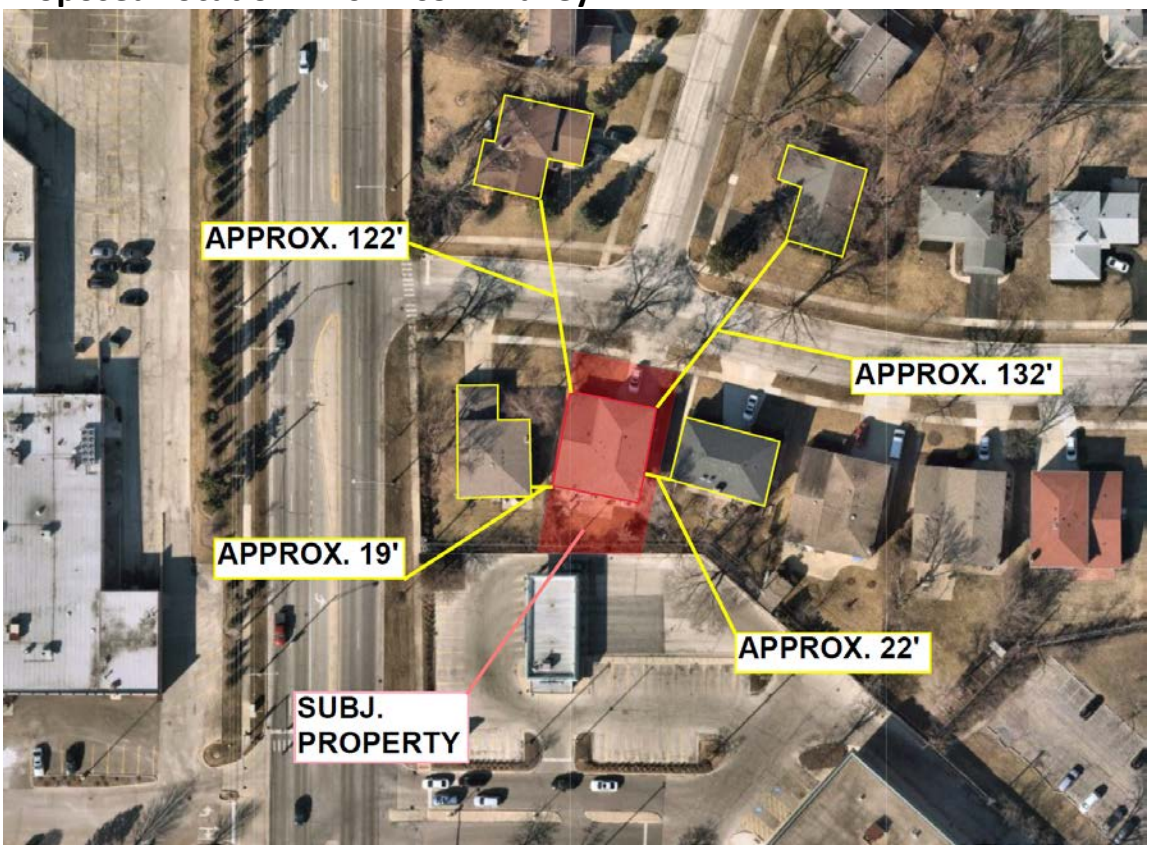
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Exhibit I

Existing Location – 397 W. Golf Rd.:



Proposed Location – 207-209 E. Valley Ln.:



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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
PLAN COMMISSION

RE: SHELTER, INC. - 207-209 EAST VALLEY LANE - PC #21-015
SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A SHELTER CARE HOME, PARKING VARIATION

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had before the Village of Arlington Heights Plan Commission Meeting held virtually, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which permits the public to fully participate via their computers or using their phones, on the 22nd day of September, 2021 at the hour of 8:04 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUSAN DAWSON, Chairperson
BRUCE GREEN
JOE LORENZINI
JAY CHERWIN
JOHN SIGALOS
TERRY ENNES
GEORGE DROST
LYNN JENSEN

ALSO PRESENT:

SAM HUBBARD, Development Planner
HART PASSMAN, Village Attorney

DRAFT

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, well, are we ready for our next agenda item which is the Shelter, Inc. petition? Have all public notices been given?

MR. HUBBARD: They have, yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, and who do we have? Who are we swearing in? Do we have the Petitioners?

MR. HUBBARD: So, if the Petitioner's team could raise their hand, the Shelter, Inc. team, I will bring you in one by one to the panelist side.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Hi, everyone.

MR. HUBBARD: Good evening. So, I see only one hand raised and it looks like there are five of you in one account. So, is this the only account to bring in for this evening?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

MR. HUBBARD: All right.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, will all of you be, well, why don't we just swear all of you in since you're in the room together? That way we'll get done.

(Witnesses sworn.)

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, great. So, have you read the Staff report? I don't know that there's conditions, but just have you read the Staff report?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: We have.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Any questions about the Staff report at this time before we proceed?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: No.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, let's proceed with your presentation.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Great. Just one moment now. There we go.

Thank you, everyone, and thank you so much for being here tonight. My name is Carina Homann Santa Maria. I'm the executive director of Shelter, Inc., and it's my honor and privilege to talk about Shelter, Inc. here as the executive director but also as a resident of Arlington Heights.

As you know, Shelter, Inc. has been in our community since 1975. We are a licensed child welfare facility who offer many great programs within our community, within the northwest suburbs. We have a foster care program. We offer emergency group homes within our surrounding communities. We do a healthy family's child abuse prevention program, youth experiencing homelessness program, as well as a clinical program, but we're all here tonight to talk about our Transitional Living Program which has been in Arlington Heights since the late 1990's.

Our Transitional Living Program gives many of our young people here in our community something that they've never had, and that's a real chance at a successful and independent life.

MR. HUBBARD: Carina, I'm sorry to interrupt. We're not following your presentation. All we see is the main slide, the cover slide. Are you advancing through your presentation?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: I am.

MR. HUBBARD: We have a problem with your sharescreen.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Oh, no. Okay, let me see. Okay, do you

see that?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Okay, perfect. So, our Transitional Living Program offers services to youth who are 17.5 to 21 years old who are aging out of the foster care system. So, they are all wards of the state within DCFS custody; however, instead of emancipating from DCFS care, they actually get an opportunity to live with us for two years to learn independent living skills so that they can lead successful lives. So, currently, research and statistics show that kids aging out of foster care, within a year of aging out of foster care, half of them are either homeless, addicted to drugs, or dead. So, Shelter, Inc is literally saving lives of the kids that are within our program.

We have credentials on staff site which enforces accountability and behavioral requirements. So, I myself, I'm an LCSW. Gina Ciulla here, she's our Clinical Director. She's an LCSW who has also been here for 27 years. We have a treatment coordinator who's an LCPC. We have an MSW counselor who also works with them, an MSW candidate case manager, and everyone else in our staff except for our overnight resident has either a Bachelor's degree or a Master's degree. All of our licensed and credentialed staff go through a very vigorous screening through DCFS and background training as well. So, all of the youth are interacting with very professional mental health counselors.

We're also strengthening our community by helping our young residents become productive and independent adults. So, Shelter, Inc. and our Transitional Living Program is needed for the young people in and around our community who are facing abuse, neglect, and homelessness. So, a recent study by the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless showed that outside of Chicago Public School systems, the three areas of highest rates of homelessness within the school districts are actually Arlington Heights, Wheeling, and Palatine. We see that with several of our residents who have come to us, and if they weren't living with us they would be homeless.

We were founded by an Arlington Heights Police Chief in 1975 who saw that our youth in our community are also facing many difficulties. So, we are there to be a lifeline for many of the youth that we serve everyday. Then in nearly the 50 years since its founding, we have improved and saved the lives of thousands of children and families, especially in Arlington Heights.

So, how does our Transitional Living Program work? It is a two-year voluntary program for young people, again, 17 to 21, who want to achieve self-sufficiency. So, they identify themselves along with their case manager saying that I'm not ready to emancipate from the system yet because I know I have a lot to learn and I'm willing to learn that. So, they come to us, we have our screening tool that we're able to interview them. Gina and the case manager and the other clinicians interview each individual, and they identify who they believe would be a good candidate for our program.

They learn everything from laundry to financial literacy, cooking and cleaning, and they also attend school. So, they're currently in our area high schools, and also some of them are enrolled in college. They're also already working within our community, so they are working at places that you and I go to everyday, and we have been interacting with these youth for years and we don't even know that. So, they work at places like McDonalds, at Cooper's Hawk, and Jewel and Office Depot, again, places that all of us in our community go to everyday and are interacting with our youth.

So, the Transitional Living Program teaches these youth foundational lessons to these young people. With these lessons, they are able to learn independence and be successful independent adults. They join our program, again, voluntarily, they want to be able to live this normal and healthy productive life and they want to be better neighbors, co-workers and friends. So, TLP helps them make that goal a reality.

So, I want to share a story with you and I really hope this works because Christian is a youth currently in our program. Prior to coming to our Transitional Living Program, he actually lived with us for over a year at our boys group home in our facility in Palatine, and his story is very powerful. So, I hope this works, I'm going to try it.

Sam, if it doesn't, can you just shout that you can't see anything?

MR. HUBBARD: Sure.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Okay.

(Start of video presentation.)

CHRISTIAN'S VOICE ON VIDEO: I like football, wrestling, track. I love sports. I love outside. I love physical work. I also love reading. I was in the orphanage and then obviously I got adopted and we moved over here. I didn't know where I was going to go, I didn't know what I was going to do. I didn't really have much hope after my 18th birthday. There was a safety net of up to 18, but after that I didn't know what were the resources that I could pull for myself. So, I had no idea what I was going to do when I turned 18.

I'm definitely overwhelmed, stressed, stressed, anxious. Also very lonely. With coming to the TLP, obviously all the skills, all the life skills that I would learn, I finally, I kind of felt relaxed when I heard about it, like the stress was kind of relieved with a huge weight off my shoulders, which is the whole point of this program. They don't want you stuck in the same place for months on end. They want to teach you something and then build on after that, learn a skill that you would just build on.

The environment, I love talking about the legal system, about laws, it really clicked with me, like it can become a passion with me. So, that's why I want to do law, and the psychology is kind of just like an aspect of it that I think would benefit being a lawyer in a courtroom. I can have the goals that I want to have now because of TLP. I can think about finishing high school and then go to college. I can think about doing what I like, what career path I want to do or go down, and be comfortable with my situation.

My future looks a lot different because like a year, two years ago, I didn't think I would have a future. I had next to no hope. Everyone here is just trying to move forward in their life. Buying that house and moving to that house would be easier and better for us. We just want to finish high school and move out and get our own life started.

(End of video presentation.)

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Okay, I'm so glad that that worked because I really think it gives you an opportunity to see who our youth are. During our Conceptual Review process, Christian actually wrote in a letter that is part of public record and I really urge everyone to read it. He talks about how he's a kid that grew up in our backyard, right? He's from Lake Forest. If it wasn't for our program, he wouldn't know where he would be. He also talks about how great the program is and how it changes his life, how he has a case manager and staff who are there everyday to teach him the many skills that he wouldn't necessarily know how to do if it wasn't for them. So, again, it just really emphasizes how amazing our program is and how important it is to the people in our community.

Going back to talking about accountability, it is definitely key for our Transitional Living Program, right? We work with young people who have some difficult backgrounds, and so we want them to know that our program does hold them accountable. TLP is effective in part because of the strong accountability measures. So, again, we have qualified and state accredited staff who closely monitor all participants. We're also licensed by DCFS. We're a licensed child welfare facility but we also have a federal accreditation of the Council on Accreditation. We are, you know, we are subject to audits and we have many people who are coming in to our facilities such as the Fire Marshall, DCFS, and other state-funded or federal-funded agencies who come in to make sure that we are following all the requirements that are needed.

We also enforce a midnight curfew. If a young person isn't back at a certain time, we do have to notify DCFS. We'll talk a little bit more about that because that is, I know many people are concerned about the police calls, but that is the overwhelming majority to the police calls. So, really we're not any problem to the community.

So, road to independence, not only are TLP youth, are young people subject to behavioral accountability measures, but they are also required to meet certain financial responsibility milestones on the road to independence. So, this includes they need to have $500 in their bank account at all times. They have staffing every two weeks with their case manager and clinical team to show their pay stubs, to talk about their goals. The day that they come in, they're already planning for what is my life after this.

So, we have an allowance for them, and then during the two years that they're here, we actually also save money for them so when they do leave, we're able to give them a significant amount of money and help them launch into an independent living situation and help furnish their apartment or wherever the next stop is that they're going. We never have discharged somebody or a young person to a homeless shelter or to a place where they would be homeless. Our youth are always being launched or released into an independent living situation or living by themselves or living with family so they are always successful in moving forward with their plan. They also understand the real life consequences that they face if they don't comply with our standards and are forced to leave if necessary.

So, our Transitional Living Program has been operating in Arlington Heights since 2012. Prior to 2012, we were actually at older adolescent group homes. So, we've been in Arlington Heights since late 1990's, from the late 1990's to 2012, we are a group home, and we decided to change our plan into a Transitional Living Program. That decision was based to ensure that we had more structure and guidance for our young people, and we knew that having more of a Transitional Living Program method was important for our young people.

Now, unfortunately, where we're renting or where we have been renting, the property is for sale and we are not allowed to buy it. So, we need to find a new facility and move our young people. It's also a place where a home has more space and more modern safety features, and then this will allow more of our young people facing extreme difficulty to overcome their challenges and become more successful and productive members of our community.

Speaking of safety, safety is our number one priority at our Transitional Living Program. So, we take no chances with the safety of our young people, our neighbors, and our community. We enforce strict behavioral requirements for our participants, and if our residents don't comply, we then work with DCFS to have them removed from our

Transitional Living Program. We also take the health and wellbeing of our young people seriously, and we know that many of them are coming from a background of trauma and have a significant abuse or neglect and homelessness. So, we work really well with our clinical team to ensure that their safety needs are met as well.

So, again, roughly 90 percent of our police calls have been for curfew violations, mental health checks, and other non-criminal reasons. Earlier today, I did send to Sam to have uploaded a bigger breakdown of our police calls and what they were. From 2020 to 2021, there is a 96 percent decrease in our police calls and we have not had a single police call since February of 2021. We haven't had a single police call on any of the six residents that currently reside in the Transitional Living Program who would be moving to our new facility.

Since 2016, as Gina Ciulla took over as clinical director, she has implemented a lot of different screening tools and structure again in the program, and our police calls have actually dropped 75 percent. So, we have worked hard to make our program and neighborhood even safer by implementing enhanced screening and proactive accountability measures. We know that from that and then also being able to access now in 2020, we started accessing the child's historical case file, we're able to interview them and understand who would be a better fit for our program and who would really benefit from our Transitional Living Program.

We operate residential facilities in residential neighborhoods, and we have since the early 1980's. This is our expertise. We know how to do this. We have a girls home in Schaumburg that is smack dab in the middle of a residential neighborhood. You will probably hear letters of support from their neighbors who are very supportive of our Jennings Home and they say that it is a pride in their community and they are there for the holidays to make sure that our girls are happy and they really just have more of, they really understand what we're doing and are happy that we are part of the community.

The same goes for our Palatine home. We are in the middle of a residential facility. We are right in the middle of $500,000 to $600,000 homes and we are not fenced. We have not had any neighbor complaints, because we know what it's like to build a relationship with our community and our neighbors, and our neighbors also understand the importance of the work that we do in our community.

The girls home in Schaumburg was actually donated by the Village of Schaumburg, and the Village of Schaumburg is also paying for the renovations currently. The current and former mayors of Schaumburg, Tom Dailly and Al Larson, are both lifelong supporters of Shelter, Inc. We have a lot of great support from the police departments in both neighborhoods as well.

So, Arlington Heights, right, we hear this all the time, we are the Village of Good Neighbors. Our Mayor says it often. So, now it is that time to put our motto into action and show that we really are good neighbors. So, supporting this move and embracing the young people of our Transitional Living Program will help Arlington Heights positively impact our next generation and ensure the future success of our community.

So, I have one more story to share from Devine who is also a resident.

(Start of video presentation.)

DEVINE'S VOICE ON VIDEO: I came from a place where I wasn't really, like no one really wanted to take care of me. I kind of bounced around house to house to house,

and I really just didn't have a stable living environment. Once I came here, I felt like I can really do anything that I can set my mind to. They made me believe that I'm worthy. There's been times where, I feel like they're like family, like they're really like the family that I've never really had. They made me feel like I can do life.

I volunteered to come here because I see myself doing bigger things than I could ever think about doing. Everyone always tells me that I have this, like this spark to be, to make people smile. I love making people smile, I love making people's day. They always tell me like I see way better things for you, and over time you start to see that, you start to see what they see.

Now I feel like I was a new person. I can go out, do anything, be who I want to be. That's all thanks to the TLP showing me my value. Thank you for showing me that I'm more than I think I am. Thank you for always pushing me in the right direction. Thank you for always being there.

(End of video presentation.)

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Thank you so much for allowing me to share Devine's story. I think both Christian and Devine have a very powerful story, and I think it also puts in perspective the youth that we serve. I think that there's a large misconception of our young people, and I think that this shows the community that they are people that we interact with everyday and they're not someone that we, people that we should be afraid of but someone that we should really welcome and live with.

So, our next slides are about our special use criteria, and so David Bea, our attorney, will take over there.

MR. BEA: At the risk of repeating ourselves here, we want to make sure to cover these as they're a requirement for the special use. Your first factor is that the said special use is deemed necessary for the public convenience at this location. I think much of what Carina has just explained demonstrates why this is necessary for the public convenience at this location.

One, we have these kinds of youths in our community, and we have this need for these kinds of services in our community. It's ideal for them to be in a neighborhood situation and ideal for them to be near employment. It serves all of those goals, those life goals that the two young people shared that they have is consistent across all the people in the program. For those reasons, we think this program contributes to the overall welfare of the local community by helping a vulnerable population transition to responsible adulthood. The subject location is ideal for the special use because it is in a residential area and adjacent to commercial establishments which give the residents job opportunities within a short walking distance.

The second factor, I think there's been much emphasis so far on this one that this case will not under any circumstances of the particular case be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the persons residing or working in the city. You heard Carina explain the attributes of the program and the accountability, the quality of staff, the qualified staff I should say, well trained with appropriate counseling degrees and social worker degrees, licensure by the Department of Children and Family Services, the federal accreditation, inspections by the Fire Department and the DCFS, the midnight curfew, the behavioral accountability, the planning for their lives after the program, the fact that when they leave our program they go into good living situations, they don't go into homelessness or other disastrous

situations, the good neighbor relationships that our other homes have in their residential communities, and as Carina said, safety being the number one priority. All of that demonstrates that this will not be a danger to the safety, the health, the morals of the general welfare. On the contrary, it will actually enhance that, particularly for the people who are in the program. I think these young people are perhaps getting more help than the typical young person in a neighborhood, yes, in a regular family. So, in that sense, this is very supportive of the health, safety, morals of the community.

The third factor is that the proposed use will comply with the regulations and the conditions specified in the ordinance for such use with stipulations and conditions made part of the authorization granted by the Village Board of Trustees. Well, it's Shelter's pledge that they will indeed comply with the regulations and conditions based on whatever authorization the Village Board of Trustees gives. Most importantly, this will just operate as a residential home in a residential neighborhood, just like it is now, and really won't be noticed by the neighbors. That's our perspective on those factors.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Any questions? I'm sure a lot of questions.

COMMISSIONER DROST: What was your counsel's name?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: David Bea.

COMMISSIONER DROST: David Bay, B-a-y?

MR. BEA: No, B-e-a.

COMMISSIONER DROST: B-e-a, okay, David Bea. Thank you.

MR. BEA: You're welcome.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: If that concludes --

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I did have one follow-up -- oh, I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sorry. I was going to say if that concludes your presentation, we can move to the Staff, but if you wanted, did you want to, do you have a question, Jay?

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I just wanted to clarify one point. It was said that they are not allowed to buy the current property they're at, but I didn't hear kind of an explanation for that. If they could just clarify what that means, you're not allowed to buy the current property?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. So, our current property is 2.5 acres and it's for sale for over $2 million. So, therefore, we're not going to buy it.

MR. BEA: The individual house is not partitioned. It's sold as a single block which includes other buildings.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Okay, so it's more of a, I got you, I just, I heard it aloud, so I didn't know what that meant.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Oh, it's not, right, we meant --

MR. BEA: It's not feasible, it's not feasible.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes, yes.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Right, okay.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, thank you.

Then, Sam, would you please present the Staff presentation?

MR. HUBBARD: Sure, let me bring up my presentation. So, thank you, Chair Dawson.

So, as you've heard, the subject property is located on East Valley

Lane, 207-209 East Valley Lane, that is just east of the intersection of Valley Lane and North Arlington Heights Road. It's zoned R-6 which is a Multiple Family Residential Dwelling District. In our Comprehensive Plan, it's classified as single-family detached. The proposed use falls under the definition of a "sheltered care" home, and sheltered care homes are not permitted uses in the R-6 District. Therefore, the Petitioner needs to obtain a special use permit which is the reason why they are before the Plan Commission this evening.

They are also requesting two variations relative to parking, and I will outline those later. Relative to the Comprehensive Plan, while the proposed home is not aligning with the vision of single-family homes as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan, we would note that both single family home districts, two family home districts, and multiple family home districts all allow sheltered care facilities via special use permit approval. As such, we don't take any issue with the existing Comprehensive Plan designation and proposed use.

The Petitioner had undergone several actions that have gotten them to the point they are at this evening. They appeared twice before the Conceptual Plan Review, once in May and again in June. It was continued to allow discussion and public comment to conclude. There were some concerns expressed by the Conceptual Plan Review Committee during both meetings, especially in relation to compatibility of the facility to adjacent property uses, and the high volume of calls for police service that were generated from the existing TLP location on Golf Road. Ultimately, the Conceptual Plan Review Committee concluded that if the project were to move forward to the Plan Commission, that they would review it under the criteria for special use permit approval as outlined in the Zoning Code.

So, the Conceptual Plan Review Committee also recommended that the Petitioner hold a neighborhood meeting prior to appearing before the Plan Commission, which they did on August 24th. They sent out invitations to all property owners within approximately 750 feet of the property on Valley Lane. They held the meeting at the WynBurg Cafe. There was a summary of the meeting attached in the materials that went out to the Plan Commission.

I would mention that over the last week, we at the Village have received many petitions submitted by several residents that are within the required 250-foot public hearing notification radius surrounding this property. Their petition was in opposition to the Shelter, Inc. facility, and they cited that they were requesting a super majority vote at the Village Board due to their petition. I would note that the provision requiring a super majority vote at the Village Board level is only applicable during rezonings or times when the Village Code is being amended. It's not triggered by a special use permit application. So, the petitions were included in the materials provided to the Plan Commission, but I do want to note that there is no change to the voting procedures or, you know, there is no special procedure required for a super majority based on those petitions.

Here's an aerial of the area. You can see the subject property in the center outlined in yellow. You can see Rand Road and Arlington Heights Road to the left of the screen which is the west, north is to the top, and Valley Lane is across the middle of this aerial. You will notice to the north are single family residential areas. To the east and to the west are two-family dwellings, and to the south is the Northpoint Shopping Plaza. Directly to the south abutting is the drive-through lanes for the Chase ATMs and bank services.

Attached is the site plan. Let's see. In the area right here, you can see this is where the existing garage is located. Shelter, Inc. has proposed converting that

garage to additional living space; it would be storage and common space for the residents. That leaves two parking spaces and the driveway, which does not conform to code requirements, and again, I'll get into that a little bit later.

Here's the floor plan, again, showing this is the existing garage here converted into a common area and storage, and then the second floor unit. Each unit has three bedrooms. This is the second floor three-bedroom unit, and then the first floor three-bedroom unit, and then the common areas are on the first floor as well.

So, any time a special use permit application is received by the Village, Village Code requires that in order for approval to be granted, it must be demonstrated that the special use conforms to certain criteria necessary for approval. On the screen, the three criteria are summarized, and this was the lens that Staff used to analyze this project. It was not an easy project to analyze. We did struggle with our review here. There are a lot of moving parts to this application, a lot of different things to consider. But ultimately, Staff returned to these three criteria in our analysis as kind of the guiding principles and helped us to finalize our recommendation.

Perhaps the most notable is the second criteria here which I'll revisit later on, but as you've heard, you know, Shelter, Inc. has an existing facility on Golf Road here in Arlington Heights. So, as a means to analyze the impact that the proposed facility would have on the community, we looked at the characteristics of the existing facility. One of the areas we analyzed was the calls for police service.

So, as you've heard, over the last 10 years, there have been a significant number of calls for service, 553 approximately over the last 10 years. That equates to about four to five calls for service per month. Of those calls over the last 10 years, 358 related to runaways or missing persons which, as you've heard, Shelter, Inc. has to report a missing person if a resident does not return by the curfew time. This accounts for about 65 percent of the overall call volume over the last 10 years. About 21.5 percent were public service calls, so this relates to wellbeing checks, premise checks, information for police, et cetera. Then there were about 43, I'm sorry, 49 criminal incidents and public complaint calls. That's, you know, domestic disturbances, unwanted subjects, thefts, drug possession, et cetera. So, that kind of breaks down the last 10 years of call volume by the facility.

It should be noted that the proposed location would have 12 individuals. So, that's twice the size of the existing Golf Road facility. Therefore, we think it's a reasonable assumption that the calls for service would also double along with the occupancy of the facility. So, that would equate to approximately eight to 10 calls for service based on the last 10 years.

But as you've heard, Shelter, Inc. has been very proactive over the last several years in implementing strategies to reduce the number of calls for service by the police and to enable resolution of conflicts in the house without relying on outside assistance. So, this is evidenced by their CPI training, their think/trauma training, their enhanced screening, the establishment of clinical services for their residents, and all the things that they've been doing over the last five years to decrease their calls for service. Again, as they pointed out, the majority of their calls have been, over the last five years, also have been for curfew violations and mental health checks and not criminal-related reasons. They do acknowledge that there was a resident in 2020 that did have increased mental needs which did result in a higher volume of calls for service, but that resident, it was determined, could not get the appropriate services at

Shelter, Inc.'s TLP facility, so they're no longer in the program.

So, over the last five years, the calls for service have reduced by close to 75 to 80 percent. There have been only 97 calls for service over the last five years compared to 406 calls in the previous five years. However, as you can see from this graph, it is slowly trending upward. You can see that 2018, I'm sorry, 2020 had about 100 percent increase over 2016, about 300 percent increase from 2017. So, while, you know, we do acknowledge that the calls are trending downward for this year, for 2021, I believe there have been only two calls for service, we do still have concerns about the potential for the increase in total calls, especially with the doubling of resident capacity.

The chart on the bottom represents a breakdown of the types of calls. So, the Police Department also looked at the types of calls to help them better understand the level of police services that were needed by Shelter, Inc. Again, many of these calls are for curfew or runaway violations, but there are several other types of police calls for service generated by this facility. Again, public service calls relate to like, you know, wellbeing checks, or maybe a window or door was left open or something like that. Public complaint calls relate more to domestic services, like a suspicious car or an unwanted person on the site. Then, you know, criminal calls are self-explanatory, and then there's of course the curfew violations and missing person calls.

So, the primary concern here, I don't think is the capacity. From a capacity standpoint, you know, the Police Department is not concerned with the volume of calls. They have the capacity to respond to the Shelter, Inc. needs from them. But, you know, I think the concern from the Staff Development Committee is the impact that this number of calls for service would have on those that are living and working in the vicinity. You know, are these police cars showing up with sirens and lights? Are there, you know, is there a perception now that crime is increasing in the neighborhood because of additional police activity observed on the subject property? So, these are the things that the Staff Development Committee thought about in relation to the criteria for approval.

Again, I do want to point out that one of the reasons why the existing facility has been so successful with regards to the impact of police activity on those living and working in the vicinity, is a result of its location. So, on the left here, you can see the Golf Road facility. On the right here, you can see the proposed Valley Lane facility. You can see here the Golf Road facility is not located in close proximity to residential uses on all sides. Here we have a light industrial office use, there's more of an industrial commercial use to the back, and then of course commercial uses to the east. Then there is a single-family home about 315 feet to the north.

In comparison to the proposed facility, you can see two single family homes directly across the street about 120 to 130 feet away. Then on either side about 20 feet away are existing two-family homes, and then there are commercial areas to the south. So, when considering the number of police calls, the location of the subject property is directly abutting residential uses. In consideration also to the doubling of the size of the facility, the Staff Development Committee has concerns that the requested special use will be detrimental to the general welfare of those living and working in the vicinity.

Relative to the variations requested, they are requesting a variation to reduce the required parking from 10 spaces to two spaces, and a variation to waive the requirement for traffic and parking study. The Staff Development Committee does not take

issue with either of these variations. I mean, I think, ultimately, we don't support the use in this location, so the variations are somewhat irrelevant from that standpoint. But if the Plan Commission does find that the petition meets the necessary criteria for approval, the Staff Development Committee does not take issue to the two parking variations.

The reason that they're required to have 10 parking spaces is because from a use parking standpoint, it's classified as a dormitory. Dormitories would require 10 parking spaces. Obviously, this isn't exactly a dormitory. Residents cannot park cars on the site. So, really, the only cars that are going to be coming and going are going to be the two staff members that would be present, plus any as-needed staff who, you know, can be accommodated on street parking.

We don't anticipate this to create a parking or traffic problem. So, again, the Staff Development Committee is not opposed to the parking variations. However, one of the items we were concerned with was the subject property and location to public transportation. One of the items that the Golf Road facility had going for it was that it was in a good location relative to public transportation. Because the residents of Shelter, Inc., you know, are not allowed to store cars on the subject property, it's important that they have good access to public transportation. Again, the Golf Road facility was close to two Pace bus routes. It was also, or is within the Pace Call and Ride On Demand transportation service.

The proposed facility is not within the Pace Call and Ride transportation service. It is not within walking distance of any Pace bus routes. The only means to get to a job or to school, if you're not relying on a friend or a family member, would be through Uber or Lyft. So, we do not think that the location is ideal relative to public transportation, and the Staff Development Committee does have some concerns there.

So, to conclude, as Staff sees it, there are three potential options on the table. The first option would be to approve the special use permit as requested. Under this scenario, the Plan Commission would find that all the criteria for approval have been met. The Plan Commission would need to evaluate and determine if the high volume of police calls have decreased over the last five years to levels that really aren't detrimental to the safety, morals and general welfare of the people living and working in the vicinity, and that the majority of the calls relate to curfew violations which don't normally result in a police car being dispatched to the site, and therefore despite the increase in the size of the facility, that calls would not really be detrimental to those living and working in the vicinity. Finally, the Plan Commission would need to find that the lack of public transportation options do not have a substantially negative impact on the facility at this location.

The second option would be denying the special use permit as requested. In this scenario, the Plan Commission would not find that all of the special use approval criteria have been met. Specifically, the Plan Commission would need to determine that the high volume of calls for police service is detrimental to the safety, morals and general welfare of persons residing in the vicinity. While the existing location is successful due to its relative seclusion from adjacent residential uses, placing this facility directly abutting residential uses on each side would increase the likelihood for detrimental neighborhood interactions and also cause calls for police service at this location to be more impactful on surrounding property owners. I think it's a reasonable assumption that increase in occupancy would cause an increase in the number of police calls, and the Plan Commission would have to agree.

The final option would be to approve the special use permit but with

restrictions, finding that limitations on the facility would allow it to conform to the necessary approval criteria for a special use permit. Specifically in this instance, Staff would recommend one of the restrictions be that the facility be restricted to one resident per bedroom, that would have a capacity of six residents total as opposed to the 12 proposed. You know, the Plan Commission would need to find that if each resident had their own space and privacy, it would assist in reducing conflicts in the house and thereby reducing calls for service, and then protecting and preserving the safety, morals, and general welfare of people living and working in the vicinity. It would also allow for a facility that's more comparable in size to a typical household in the area relative to occupancy if the facility was limited to six occupants total.

A list of potential additional restrictions Staff has prepared and included as part of the Staff report, but as proposed, the Staff Development Committee cannot support the requested special use permit. Again, if the Plan Commission does find that approval criteria has been met, Staff would recommend that the approval be subject to the eight conditions as outlined here. That being said, I conclude the Staff presentation.

I would note that I do have, when we do get to public comments, I have multiple e-mails from several of the residents that do need to get read into the record, but at this point, I will turn it back over to you, Chair Dawson. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Great. Thank you, Sam.

Do we have a motion to approve the Staff presentation?

COMMISSIONER DROST: I'll move.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I'll second.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, roll call? Sam, roll call?

MR. HUBBARD: Sorry, yes.

Commissioner Green.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, I know we've --

COMMISSIONER ENNES: You missed me.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes, I'm sorry.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, now do have everybody?

All right, so I know we've quite a few people in the audience.

Commissioners, do we want, does anybody have initial questions before we go to public commentary, or should we go straight to public commentary?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Sue, when you go to public commentary, should we let Sam read in all the ones that he's received first before you actually go to hearing from folks for public commentary?

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sure, we can.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I think that makes sense.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: We can. I just want to --

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I think it makes sense because you might hear a lot of the same things that are going to be said in person.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes. I just want to know if there's any questions from the Plan Commissioners before; I know we have a tendency to like to hear from the public first.

So, agreed?

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Agree.

COMMISSIONER DROST: As long as there's an orderly --

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, so we are going to then go to public commentary, but before we do so, because we have such a large number in the audience, we just want to make sure we've clarified for everyone how the public commentary period and section works. Just a couple of general housekeeping recommendations before we go for it.

Commissioner Jensen, I think that's a great idea that we read in the e-mails that Sam needs to read in the record, unless you object, Sam. The reason for that being that we do ask that people coming for public comment do not make the same points over and over. We have heard them, we do listen. You can simply state that you agree with what previously has been stated. I'm not saying that you must do that, it's not a rule, but this is what we request just in the interest of time. State that you agree and kind of maybe a bullet point without reiterating the whole statement.

We do ask that commentary be limited to approximately three minutes. Only one public comment should be made at a time. Once you've made your comment, then we'll ask you to sit down and let the next public commenter come up. We won't be responding or asking questions, et cetera; maybe in a rare situation, but generally we'll listen to everything first, then we'll close public commentary, and then we'll begin with our questions.

Before you speak, we do ask that you state your name and spell your last name for the record. We do ask for your address but that is optional. You are not required to provide that.

Sam, did I miss anything?

MR. HUBBARD: You've covered it.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, I would suggest that if you, Chairman Dawson, sort of identify any questions that seem to be repetitive, that you can make note of that or at least advise the audience that that's been asked and answered.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Very good point, yes. I do make note, as people are making comments, I make notes to try to make sure that they're all addressed.

COMMISSIONER DROST: And try to get them into the categories of, you know, what might be the concerns or what might be the supportive statements as well.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, yes.

All right, so with that, we will open up public commentary. Again,

before we go to calling from the audience, Sam, why don't you go through and read those items into the record?

QUESTIONS FROM AUDIENCE

MR. HUBBARD: Sure.

The first e-mail says: It is my intention to inform you of my support for Shelter, Inc. and the mission of their work, the work that is occurring right outside my home. I am a neighbor of Shelter, Inc. Jennings Home for Girls in Schaumburg. Knowing that the Jennings Home is in the heart of my neighborhood has brought nothing but pride in my community. Jennings Home and the services it provides is a blessing to our community and it explicitly and positively impacts the outcomes of individuals it serves. Jennings Home for Girls has had a lasting and grand impact on all community members. The decision to allow for additional levels of services and support within your community should be a very simple one. Please understand that by not moving forward with the TLP's relocation in Arlington Heights would be a great disservice to the Village of Arlington Heights. Thank you. Teresa Grant, neighbor of Jennings Home for Girls.

Second e-mail: Hello, I object to the 207-209 East Valley Lane Shelter, Inc.'s special use variation request. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Was there an address to that comment?

MR. HUBBARD: There was not, no, just via e-mail. Third e-mail: I object to the 207-209 East Valley Lane Shelter, Inc.'s special use variation request.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sam, do you have names? Should you be reading the name into the record?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Names are redacted, yes?

MR. HUBBARD: They're not including their names on the e-mails. I mean, I can read out e-mail addresses.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Maybe read out the e-mail address so that's in the record.

MR. HUBBARD: Sure.

For the second one, that e-mail address was vadimjen@gmail.com. For the third one, it was jenshecterle@gmail.com.

E-mail number four: I wanted to offer some words in support of the Transitional Living Program's move to a new home here in Arlington Heights. I understand why people who don't know much about the TLP might have questions or concerns about the move. However, the truth is that this program is a positive force for change in young people's lives. The youths in this program are all there by choice and they're held accountable at every step of the way. This means conduct rules, curfews, financial responsibilities, and personal responsibility milestones that each youth must meet to continue in the program. These requirements help these kids transition into young adults who can be contributors in our community. In fact, many of them already have jobs in and around the area. You may have seen and had positive encounters with these young people without even knowing they were part of the TLP. Approving this move would send a message to these youths that we are a welcoming and inclusive community that truly believes in the idea of being good neighbors. Society didn't give these kids much of a chance when they were younger. We have the opportunity to give them one now.

Let's give them that chance and help keep them on track by approving their move. Please support the TLP. Regards, Joyce Slavik.

E-mail number five: I oppose the special use permit variance for Shelter, Inc. I am a neighbor and purchased this property because of the neighborhood. Shelter, Inc. claims that this variance will not change the neighborhood, but that is the exact definition of a variance, the fact or quality of being different, divergent or inconsistent. They will have more residents than they have ever had before. They admit to having issues with curfew violations. There isn't anything they can do about it because their residents are adults. Even if there are no issues with Shelter, Inc., I do not like the precedent being set by this variance. There are several duplexes in a row on Valley. If the variance is allowed for this group, the precedent has now been set that these duplexes can become other things. What's next? A homeless shelter? A methadone clinic? I understand communities need places like Shelter, Inc., but communities also need hospitals and grocery stores, but we don't put those in the middle of a neighborhood. It doesn't belong here, plain and simple. This neighborhood is not the right place for this home and is not a good fit for this neighborhood. Darcy Moder.

Next e-mail: Hello, I live nearby on Pinetree Drive and have concerns about this development. In addition to zoning concerns, this neighborhood is a great place for family and children. I am concerned about the additional risks this could cause. I am not in favor of it moving forward. It could be a good idea, but not in this location. Chuck.

Next e-mail: Dear Mr. Hubbard, I'm a long-term resident of Arlington Heights. I'm writing to voice my support for the proposed move of Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program to a new home to allow this program to provide more modern services to its clients. I believe it is important for our community to do what we can to support young people in need. This will create a stronger future for us all. I'm also aware that many of this program's clients are part of the LGBTQ+ community. As an ally of that community, I further support whatever this organization can do to help young people in need. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Francine Noring.

Next e-mail: My name is Michael Froemming. I've lived at 414 East Knob Hill Drive for 24 plus years. I oppose the variance to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code for rezoning of the property at 207-209 East Valley Lane. I oppose because Shelter, Inc. hasn't been straightforward with the neighborhood or Village regarding the property use. They've sugarcoated everything from occupancy and police calls reported at their last residence. They stated it would be for six to 12 people excluding supervisors. Each unit has three bedrooms, so what's the number. Shelter, Inc. says they'll screen the people residing at the property. If that's true, Shelter, Inc. should be held accountable including the individual to any problems that may occur, including criminal charges. This variance should be treated like any other resident asking for a variance. Is this shelter considered a residential home in this residential area? Once a variance like this is accepted, it will have implications on future applicants asking for the same type of variances. If this passes, I'd hope every Board and Village member would open their arms if not offer to a facility like this on their residential block. Michael Froemming.

Next e-mail: Mr. Hubbard, as per instructions on the online agenda, I wish to make this e-mail a part of the public record. My husband and I have been residents of the Ivy Hill neighborhood for 30 years. We live on Ivy Lane approximately two blocks from the proposed property on Valley Lane. We attended the meeting held by Shelter, Inc. in August, and after doing so we are confident in Shelter, Inc.'s TLP program and have no concerns with

them putting their TLP program in our neighborhood. The young adults in this program have applied to be there. They are pre-screened by Shelter, Inc. They have more rules, curfews, and support by professional staff than most young adults in our own neighborhood. They're held accountable by Shelter, Inc. These are young people who are working hard to make a better life for themselves. While they are a part of this program, they attend school, have jobs, and learning life skills. This allows them to continue on a path to advance their education or further their job skills so as to live as independent and successful adults. We wholeheartedly support Shelter, Inc.'s TLP on Valley Lane. Barb and John Lazzara, 310 East Ivy Lane.

Next e-mail: As long-time residents of Arlington Heights, we ask you to support the special use permit for Shelter to operate their Transitional Living Program that has been functioning successfully and safely in Arlington Heights for nearly a decade. The new facility will allow more young people facing extremely difficult circumstances to overcome abuse, neglect, abandonment and homelessness to become productive members of our community. Thank you for your consideration and support. Gus and Mary Jane Bender, 715 South Bristol Lane.

Next e-mail: To whom it may concern, I'm writing as a longstanding resident of Arlington Heights who chose to build our home and send our children to the amazing School District 25. We chose Arlington Heights because of its sense of community and its family friendly culture. It's because of these two qualities that I wrote to you to declare my support of Shelter's Transitional Living Program. While some of the community may be scared of the unknown of TLP, I will share with you what I do know. I know that the children in these homes voluntarily are making an effort to do better in their community for themselves. They are given the support, resources and opportunity to make healthy choices. This community and, therefore, this home will be able to give them that safe environment for them to thrive. I hope we choose to raise not only ourselves but those around us. I believe in Arlington Heights and the power of this community for the children in Shelter's TLP home. Thank you. Kristine Regan.

To whom it may concern, I, Judith Froemming, live near the property at 207-209 East Valley Lane. I oppose the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code for rezoning. I've lived in this neighborhood for 24 years. It's a great, safe, single-family home community. I have a variety of concerns about this variance. Mainly, I am concerned with my safety due to the excessive number of calls Shelter, Inc. generates in a year's time, and the behavior of the population living at the residence. If the number of residents doubles to 12, the number of police calls will most likely increase also. This is not the type of increased activity we want in the neighborhood. The variance code states that if the variance is issued, it cannot change the character of the neighborhood nor jeopardize the safety and wellbeing of residents who live and work there. Both the character and the safety of the neighborhood will be negatively impacted if this variance is allowed. I'm also concerned for the welfare of the children that use Valley Lane to walk to and from school and those who take buses to area schools. These are just a few of my concerns. Sincerely, Judith Froemming, 414 East Knob Hill Drive.

Next e-mail: Dear Mr. Hubbard, I'm writing today in support of Shelter, Inc.'s move of its Transitional Living Program to a new location in Arlington Heights. It's easy to dismiss young people who have struggled in life as a bad element. The truth is that the youths in the TLP are just the opposite. They are young people who want to succeed in life, youths who want to overcome challenges rather than succumb to them. These are kids who had the humility and the desire to better themselves which led them to the TLP in the first place.

Now, we in Arlington Heights have our own decision to make. We can live up to our aspirational goal of being good neighbors and accept these youths into our community, or we can succumb to our prejudices and biases and dismiss these young people based on misinformation and inaccurate stereotypes. As a resident of Arlington Heights, I hope we choose the first path, and I look forward to welcoming our new neighbors and seeing the great strides they'll make as valued members of our community. Janet McDonnell.

Next e-mail: I'm writing to affirm Shelter, Inc.'s desire and commitment to meeting the housing needs in the northwest suburbs. They are already serving the Arlington Heights community, and this project would help them serve the growing needs for housing. I have spent most of my career providing professional services to non-profits, especially those specializing in kinds of housing: SOFs, TIFs, affordable housing, Chicago low income housing programs, et cetera, and the law's experience of these entities have been excellent in general due to the policies, procedures and commitment of staff to the safety of all residents and community. The youths of the program are all there by choice and they're held accountable at every step of the way. This means conduct rules, curfews, financial responsibilities, and personal responsibility milestones that each youth must meet to continue the program. These requirements help these kids transition into young adults who can be contributors in our community. In fact, many of them already have jobs in and around the area. You may have even seen and had positive encounters with these young people without even knowing they were part of the TLP. The addition of a new beautiful building will add substantially to the curb appeal and tax base, too. Please give them your approval to proceed. Thank you. Linda D. Palm.

Next e-mail: Mr. Hubbard, we want to voice our objection to the proposed shelter for transitional youths. A residential family neighborhood is not the appropriate venue for this type of shelter. The downside risks overwhelmingly exceed any upside. We ask that the Village of Arlington Heights deny any variance for a permit for the Shelter. Regards, Michael and Rosa DiMarco, 1210 East Crabtree Drive.

Next e-mail: I object to the 207-209 East Valley Lane Shelter, Inc. special use variation request. I live in the Ivy Hills Subdivision of Arlington Heights with my two children who attend Ivy Hill School. The transitional housing plan for Valley Lane would be less than half a mile from the elementary school and Camelot Park. The residents of the transitional housing are being offered a second chance opportunity for developmental growth by living with life coaches as these residents lack basic life skills. We are not opposed to social programs to help those young adults who would live in transitional housing, but we strongly believe this type of business development does not belong in close proximity to both an elementary school, the Futabakai Elementary and Middle School, and a community park. In addition, this shelter is a business and consequently should be housed in a business or commercial zoned area and not housed in any Arlington Heights residential community. Please vote no on this permit. Thank you. Angela Sisi, 1214 East Crabtree Drive.

Next e-mail: I am writing this e-mail to you in strong support of the Crescent Place affordable housing project on Rand Road and Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program for young people. Both of these projects merit inclusion in our community. They will provide the supports needed to maintain independent, self-sufficient residents of our great village as well as open the doors to more needed diversity. I've lived in Arlington Heights for the past six years and attended the First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights. We love

boldly and work tirelessly to support fair share equality. Now is the time to step up and vote your conscience. To quote Shirley Chisholm, "If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair." Thank you in advance for your consideration in advancement of these important housing projects. Diane Lubarski, 1361 Village Drive, Arlington Heights.

Next e-mail: Dear Arlington Heights Plan Commissioners, as both a resident and a landlord on East Valley Lane, I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed zoning change and the current plans to open a shelter for abused young adult men at 207 East Valley Lane. Our neighborhood currently supports a diverse community made up of single-family homes, duplexes, and an apartment complex. Adding the additional burden of 12 young adult males and their caregivers into one duplex will further add to the density of this area and create huge negative consequences for our neighbors, our children, and our property values. This is uncharted territory for the Shelter as they have never had more than eight young adults living in one residence, and I believe they have six living at their current location. To experiment with a 33 percent increase from their previous largest total of young adult males living in one place and to insert it into a residential area with a school down the block cannot be construed as highest and best use for this property. I'm not against the Shelter's mission and appreciate what they're trying to do for these young adults, but they already have a home. The risks and uncertainties far outweigh any possible benefits in this scenario. Respectfully submitted, Alan Gould.

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Next e-mail: Dear Sam, as a resident of Arlington Heights of 14 years, I object to the 207-209 East Valley Lane Shelter, Inc. special use variation request. Thank you for listening to us. Nadya Frid.

Dear Sam, as a resident of Arlington Heights of 14 years, I object to the 207-209 East Valley Lane Shelter, Inc. special use permit variation request. Sincerely, Ilya Fishman.

Let's see. Next e-mail: I'm writing this to inform you of my strong support of Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program in Arlington Heights. I have been an educator in District 214 for 30 years and have taught many of Shelter, Inc.'s adolescents throughout my tenure. The positive life-enacting influences that Shelter provides to these TLP teens is imperative to the development and growth, imperative to succeed in society. This program affords these boys an opportunity to thrive as productive young adults, enabling them to

contribute to the community in the future. I have witnessed first-hand numerous amazing success stories as a result of the support, care, guidance and counseling of TLP. The evolvement of the adolescents into positive role models and citizens is cultivated from the moment they enter TLP and sustains into their future adult maturation. I staunchly support Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program in every aspect of community development and firmly believe this is an extremely positive venture for Arlington Heights. Sincerely, Carol V. Treslo.

Next e-mail: We object to the 207-209 East Valley Lane Shelter, Inc. special use variation request. This property within the boundary of Ivy Hill School is of concern to neighbors and parents of Ivy Hill schoolchildren because of its proximity to the school which is a few blocks away down Valley. Children that live on that block walk to school, and although it may seem unfair, it makes parents uneasy to have the Shelter, Inc. program in that location. Shelter, Inc.'s goal with the location is to serve more participants. We feel that the needs of the young people that are served in this program would do best in a situation with around six people, and it would be less daunting for a neighborhood to absorb such a program. Please vote no to this variance. Gail and Sheldon Galster, 25 West Brookwood Drive, 38-year residents.

Next e-mail: Please share my bullet points below. I have concern on the 50 plus calls for assistance, police, fire, et cetera, from the previous location. Can detail be provided as to the reasons, time of day, et cetera? This location is down the street from the elementary school where last year there was an assault of a student on their way to school. This may add some context to the cautiousness of the neighborhood along with neighbors arguing about this proposal versus supporting this home. Regarding parking spots, these zoning rules are put in place for various reasons: safety, traffic, overcrowding, et cetera. While I do understand it was indicated many do not have cars and a variance is not needed, however, I assume these transitional homes help provide an individual to get on their feet and that may mean getting a car, so this may be counterintuitive. This area of Valley and Arlington Heights Road at times is also very congestive and difficult to make a left-hand turn. I do think there should be high visibility to the comments by residents who live in viewing distance of these locations and should have significant weight to their concerns for someone who lives three miles away. Sincerely, Donny Obarra, Jr.

I think that is the last e-mail.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, how do you want to proceed with the public commentary? Should we, Sam, do we show hands? How do we do this virtually?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes, so anyone on the public side who wants to make a comment, please click the Raise Your Hand feature in Zoom and I'll bring you in. Once you're brought into the panelist side of Zoom, it will ask you to unmute yourself and you can activate your camera. Once you've successfully unmuted yourself, you can give your public comment, and then you'll be placed back into the attendee side of Zoom. Then we will go on to the next commenter.

If you've called in by phone, you can dial *9 and it will raise your hand in Zoom so I can add you to the speaking queue. Otherwise, if you've joined via the Internet, you can just click the Raise Your Hand feature in Zoom and I will identify you and bring you over to the panelist side.

Let's start with the first individual with their hand raised. I'm seeing Keith Moens. Mr. Moens, I'm going to bring you in to the panelist side. You can unmute yourself and provide your comment, and then I will bring you back into the attendee side.

Mr. Moens, you're unmute. If you would like to give your public comment?

MR. MOENS: Thank you, Sam. Am I on?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. MOENS: Thank you. Thank you, Chairwoman Dawson, for allowing me to speak tonight. I appreciate that.

I am in total support of this project. I think it's going to be great. My name is Keith Moens, M-o-e-n-s. I live in Arlington Heights. I again support this project very much. I'm proud to have it here to give these kids some support. I think this concern over the police calls is understandable, but it looks like these folks have gotten that under control, they're trending downward on that and they know how to work with that. So, I'm in support of this project, thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you, Mr. Moens. I'm going to bring in the next individual with their hand raised. I'm going to bring in Sandy Bourseau. Sorry, I'm sure I'm butchering your last name there, but Zoom should now be asking you to join the panelist side and unmute yourself. Once you do so, you can provide your name and address if you'd like for the public record, and then provide your public comment.

MS. BOURSEAU: It's Bourseau, but you were pretty close, B-o-u-r-s-e-a-u. My address is 151 West Wing Street here in Arlington Heights.

I sent an e-mail which didn't get read, but there are so many good things in those e-mail, the supportive ones. I think it's a wonderful program.

The only thing I'm going to add quickly is I bet given a chance, the residents, these young people working in the program there at the house, they would quickly dispel a lot of this fear that I'm hearing expressed in these e-mails. So, I wish and I hope that they'll get a chance to do that. So, thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay, next, I see an Ann Gillespie and I bring you in to the panelist side of Zoom. You can unmute yourself and provide your name and spell your last name for the court reporter, add your address if you'd like, and then you can provide your public comment.

MS. GILLESPIE: Hi, I am Ann Gillespie, G-i-l-l-e-s-p-i-e. I live in the Heritage Park neighborhood which is the area that was commented as being just to the north of the current Shelter, Inc. facility.

The current Shelter facility is, as I said, near my home, it's near Heritage Park and Juliette Low Elementary School. We have not in our neighborhood had any issues with the Shelter, Inc. program. In fact, I think most of my neighbors do not even realize that it's there. It looks to be the home associated with the owners of the former Animal Feeds & Needs, and I think that's what most people thought it was all this time.

I have had the opportunity to visit one of their shelters that was mentioned in another community. It is just in the same proximity to other single-family homes as the current proposed location. Again, you've heard some e-mails and letters from folks that live around that area that have not experienced any issues with it.

The requirements that the residents live under in this program are more structured than many of the young people that live in my neighborhood today. They have responsibilities that I think bode well for their development. They have, the staff has demonstrated their adaptability and quick response to issues as evidenced by the changes in

the police calls and all the criteria that have been there. The transition that we're trying to help these kids move through is to launch them into a successful adult life. If they never have the opportunity to be integrated into community living, then how are they going to be successful at doing that?

I really think this is a good program. My understanding is that it was founded or at least an early proponent of it was a former Arlington Heights Police Chief, and I think he was on the right track here and I'd like to see the community continue to support it. Thank you for the time.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comments. Okay, I am going to bring in a participant with the name Wells. Wells, you're being added to the queue to speak. Zoom should be asking you to unmute yourself. Once you're in, if you can state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter and provide your address if you'd like, and then you can proceed with your public comment.

Wells, I see that you're in. I see that you're muted though. Wells, you're in. Okay, now I see you're unmuted. Can you speak?

MR. NOVACK: Yes, my name is Joe Novack. I'm an attorney, I live directly across the street from the subject property. I'm here with my associate Mr. Wells. I wanted to reiterate that the Staff Development Committee, after substantial review, has concluded that they cannot support the proposed special use. I think that's should be determinative of this issue; however, there's numerous other issues that should be pointed out.

The Plan Commission itself on 9/22/21 in the cover sheet on the website said they could not support this. Again, on September 17th on the website, they reiterated that they cannot support this proposal. There's numerous e-mails. I'll defer to my associate here, Cathy, to delineate the number of e-mails just for emphasis here. Cathy, can you do that?

MS. VAUGHN: I can do it, if I can use the screen?

MR. NOVACK: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Hi, Cathy. Could you state your name and spell your last name for the court reporter?

MS. VAUGHN: Yes, Catherine Vaughn, C-a-t-h-e-r-i-n-e, last name Vaughn, V-a-u-g-h-n. I currently live on East Knob Hill Drive within 500 feet of the proposed facility property.

So, I just want to make a comment because we were a bit confused as to how you chose which e-mails you'd put into the record. The Village posted two different documents. One was a pre-Conceptual Plan Review Committee meeting document that contained 53 e-mails covering 69 pages. The second document was called post-Conceptual Review Plan Committee meeting and it had 80 e-mails in it for a 122 pages. So, there were a total of 133 e-mails. There were 43 opposition e-mails. There were 58 e-mails that were in support that provided an address, but of those 58, the average distance from the proposed property was more than 3.2 miles from our neighborhood. There were 28 support e-mails that were submitted with no address for reference, and then there were four e-mails in support from residents living in Ivy Hill.

So, I wanted to ask how you chose which e-mails you reported into the record.

MR. HUBBARD: So, is that your public comment? It's not intended to be a

question and answer between Staff and the Petitioner or the public and Staff and the Petitioner. So, you can make your comment. The Plan Commissioners are taking notes as far as what items they'd like to follow up with Staff or the Petitioner on, but you can make your comment and then we'll go to the next person. Your comment seems to be a question about how the e-mails were categorized.

MS. VAUGHN: Okay, well, I'll rephrase because everything I just said went on to the record. The call is recorded, no need to repeat it. You read about 20 e-mails and there were 133 submitted. So, now I'll turn it back over to Mr. Novack.

MR. NOVACK: Again, I just want to reiterate that your own Staff Development Committee on numerous occasions has stated that they cannot support this proposed use. I respectfully request that you defer to your own committee and follow suit in light of all the opposition that's come to your attention and that of the Village Clerk, the numerous e-mails in opposition as well as 339 signatures in opposition that was filed with the Village Clerk.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your public comment. I will bring in the next individual. I'm bringing in a Melissa Cayer. Melissa Cayer, you should be added to the panelist side and you should be able to unmute yourself and make your public comment.

MS. CAYER: Hello, Melissa Cayer, C-a-y-e-r, Arlington Heights. Is the current residence in the tax increment finance district?

MR. HUBBARD: Is that your comment?

MS. CAYER: I was wondering, is the current residence in the tax increment finance district?

MR. HUBBARD: No, I don't believe it is. No.

MS: CAYER: How far is it from the tax increment finance district?

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Wait. Just again to clarify, this isn't a question and answer period. You could ask, you could list the questions you'd like to be answered as far as your public commentary. We'll make a note of them and address them, but it's not intended to be a direct questioning of Staff at this time. So, go ahead and read through your questions, we'll make a note.

MS. CAYER: Okay, I think it is at least very near to the tax increment finance district which is right across the street from Jewel Osco, which, you know, it's hundreds of feet away. Yet the property is going for $2 million? What is going on here?

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you, Mrs. Cayer, for your comment. Okay, I have a Wendy Dunnington I'm going to bring into the panelist side. Wendy, once you arrive on the site, would you please unmute yourself, give your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and give your address if you'd like.

MS. DUNNINGTON: Hi, my name is Wendy Dunnington. It's spelled D as in David, u-n-n-i-n-g-t-o-n. My address is 530 South Chestnut Avenue in Arlington Heights.

I'm calling in support of the new development for Shelter, Inc. I think it sounds like a great addition to our community. The only thing I wanted to add that's different than what other people have said is that the Staff is concerned that there isn't a lot of public transportation options in that area. I just want to highlight that it's a very walkable area in regards to the amount of employment opportunities and restaurants, banking, and lots of services that would be in the area that those residents could easily get to without public transportation. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. All right, I'm going to bring in a Jolanta

Szymanska. Okay, no, they un-raised their hand. I'm going to bring in a, I'm sorry, no, their hands -- wait. No, their hand keeps going up and down. All right, I'm going to bring in a Dennis. Dennis, you're being promoted to the panelist side. Please provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and your address if you would like, and then your public comment. Dennis, you're in.

MR. PETROSFER: Can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. PETROSFER: Hi, my name is Dennis Petrosfer. I live on Ivy Hill, or Ivy Lane, sorry. I'm in opposition of the project. You know, it's okay to have it, you know, in non-residential areas, I'm okay with that, but to put it in an area with kids and schools and houses, you know, 20 feet nearby, it's just not something I can be in support of.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment.

MR. PETROSFER: Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Okay, I have a Carrie Estrada, I'm going to bring you in. Carrie, Zoom should be bringing you in to the panelist side. You can unmute yourself, please provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and if you'd like you can provide your address.

MS. ESTRADA: Hi, my name is Carrie Estrada and I work in Arlington Heights. I've been a licensed clinical social worker for 20 plus years, and a majority of which I spent working with kids living through childhood trauma. I've worked residential care. I've worked for DCFS. I've been a think child and family therapist, and in the past eight years I was the clinical director at the Children's Advocacy Center supporting kids who have been exposed to violence.

I'm currently the executive director at Northwest Casa, an agency in Arlington Heights who supports survivors of sexual violence. I've worked with young people like the ones that we saw in the video who will be residing at this TLP, hundreds and hundreds of kids like this. They are awesome and they're the most resilient humans that you all will ever meet. They may have problems, who wouldn't without a stable childhood, but it is unconscionable to block these young people from what they need to thrive and build a fruitful life for themselves.

Furthermore, they'll be doing this under the skilled guidance of Shelter, Inc. who has decades of success with such vulnerable young people. These young people will e required to work a program and live by the established house rules. There will be trained staff people available 24/7 literally getting paid for the success of these kids.

It is without hesitation I support this TLP. Arlington Heights has an opportunity to end intergenerational trauma for a select group of young people. I'll be following closely to see the value Arlington Heights places on survivors of childhood trauma. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. Okay, I am going to bring in a phone number here. I'm going to bring in a phone number with the last four digits of 0597. So, phone number 0597, Zoom should be asking you to unmute yourself via the phone. I see you're unmuted, if you'd like to give your name, spell your last name for the court reporter and your address if you'd like, and then provide your public comment.

MS. MOSQUEDA: Hi, this is Cheryl Mosqueda, M-o-s-q-u-e-d-a. I live at 2360 East Bradshire Court in Arlington Heights. I've been a resident of Arlington Heights over 30 years, and I love our community.

Shelter's TLP program for 17 to 21-year-olds are for young people who want to live healthy and productive lives. They want to learn the skills needed to do so through this voluntary program. So, if we have the ability to help these young people by approving the relocation, I wholeheartedly support the Commissioners and the Village Board in approving it. This program exists for all the right reasons, and I hope that we continue to show our support. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay, I'm going to bring in a Miel Johnson. All right, I do see that you're in.

MS. JOHNSON: Can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MS. JOHNSON: Okay, so my name is Miel Johnson. My first name is Miel, M as in Mary, i-e-l. My last name is Johnson. I'm the board director for political action for the League of Women Voters of Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, and Buffalo Grove area. Since our inception in 1920, the League of Women Voters has advocated for policies to reduce poverty and promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families.

Shelter, Incorporated does just that, teaching at-risk youth the skills many of us take for granted. These young people enter this program voluntarily because they want to become independent and productive members of our community. Shelter, Incorporated has been a good neighbor for more than a decade to Arlington Heights. Now that they want to move to a larger space so they can continue to support at-risk youth, we need to be good neighbors and approve this zoning variance. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay, I'm going to bring in a Philip Geier. Once you're in, Zoom should be asking you to unmute yourself. Please provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, your address if you'd like, and then proceed with your public comment.

MR. GEIER: Yes, my name is Philip Geier. I live in Arlington Heights for 28 years. I have experience as a counselor in both mental health and other fields, and I am aware of the backgrounds that these kids have come from, what they've experienced, most of it that would knock all of us down. I think people can change and people need a second chance.

I'm very much impressed with the staff that is running this program. These are good kids that you would be happy to have in your neighborhood. So, I support this and I hope the Board does, too. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. All right, I am going to bring over a John Palicki.

MR. PALICKI: Good evening, guys. Thank you for allowing me to speak. My name is John Palicki, P-a-l-i-c-k-i. I'm an Arlington Heights resident who lives about one-plus mile from the possible new TLP. I've also been an educator for about 15 years, and I'm getting my Master's degree in Social Work while interning at Shelter, Inc.

I'm here tonight both as a resident and someone that gets to work with the youth, and I mean, gets to, not has to. I understand where many of you are coming from that may have reservations. I can speak first-hand to how amazing these youth are. These youth are well-spoken, respectful, kind, and looking to build their lives just as we were at that age. They're the most creative, intelligent, and strong young people you could ever meet. They have experienced circumstances that have been out of their control and are looking to gain the opportunities for a successful life as we all have been given in our lives.

The Village of Arlington Heights is a special place that my family has known since my family was at Hersey High School in the 70's. It has an abundance of families that are amazing role models for the youth. But these youth also can be amazing role models for the families as young people that have overcome obstacles to still be successful.

As a resident of Arlington Heights, as someone that work with these youth today, I can attest to this being a wonderful opportunity for everyone involved. As young people, everybody in this room need someone to believe in us, and this can be our way to show the youth that we believe in them and provide them with a quality and safe home. So, please send them home. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. I am going to bring in a Sheldon Galster.

MR. GALSTER: Can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: We can.

MR. GALSTER: Oh, good, thank you. So, I'm Sheldon Galster, G-a-l-s-t-e-r. I'd just like to concur with the Staff's recommendation to not approve this variance. Just one comment, why does our area continue to get controversial topics brought to us? That's it.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comments. Okay, I'm going to bring in an individual by the name of Alison. Alison, you should be brought in. Zoom should be asking you to unmute yourself, and you can provide your name.

MS. SAIKI: Good evening, can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MS. SAIKI: Hi, I'm Alison Saiki, S-a-i-k-i, and I live at 2401 North Evergreen Avenue. I am not in favor of this proposal, and I am in favor of the project though. I think it's a wonderful project. I've learned so much about it just hearing everything being reported tonight. But this is not the right location.

I think they really need to be near transportation. Golf Road would be stellar. I understand why it was probably there originally, because not only doing retail but they can actually get nice jobs in office buildings which out here it's just, I mean, it's just not accessible. So, I am in favor of the project but not at this location.

I think also with the Crescent Place also, I think transportation for both projects is really necessary. So, I think for both, I would like to put it on comment that transportation I think is a factor. Then square footage-wise, it looks like the Golf Road location looks larger, and yet this one on Valley looks smaller, and yet they're going to double in size. I think living on top of each other like that could cause problems as well.

So, that's my public comment for tonight. I am not in favor of this project on Valley. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. I'm now going to bring in an individual by the name of Melody Woodsum.

MS. WOODSUM: Hi, I'm Melody Woodsum, W-o-o-d-s-u-m as in Mary. I'm in the 2000 block of North Brighton Place.

I am not in favor of this project at this location. It may be a project viable at a different location. But with the parking issue and it being a main artery into our subdivision, all of the services people are going to come with a car. There's nothing prohibiting a resident at some point getting a car. There is not enough width on the road to get the cars in and out of our subdivision on a primary entrance with the current environment. It's difficult, and if you add more parked cars on the street because it's one away from Arlington Heights Road, the

cars come in and off. It's going to be a traffic nightmare for residents getting in, or services to get into the neighborhood if an ambulance or a fire truck has to come in and there's just not enough parking. So, that variance that they're asking for should not be granted at this location in this environment.

I also don't feel that the retail in the area is sufficient for them to have entertainment if it's supposed to be close to a location. All of the restaurants in our area close by 9:00 o'clock. There is not a movie theater. There is not a bowling alley. There is not a way for them to access any location for them to have entertainment when they are not working. So, again, it is not in a location that gives them access to transportation to get to some place where they're going to be able to constructively use their entertainment hours, and there is not enough location for the parking on that street for cars to still enter and exit our subdivision in a safe manner. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay, I am going to bring in an individual by the name of Will Stephens.

MR. STEPHENS: Thank you for the time. My name is Will Stephens, S-t-e-p-h-e-n-s. I live at 737 South Vail in Arlington Heights.

I wanted to voice my strong support for this program. I think it's been clear through the comments today that there is a fear of introducing danger to this community. But I think what needs to be pointed out again, as the Shelter team did point out is that these kids are our neighbors today. These are folks that we rely on and interact with every single day in our community already, and we are being asked as a village to support a program that helps and lifts up our neighbors. I believe that's a program that should be a source of pride for all residents of Arlington Heights, so I would again, voice my strong support for this program. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. I am going to bring in an attendee by the name of Cristina. Cristina, you should be added to the panelist side and you can unmute yourself. Provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your public comment.

MS. CRISTINA: Hello?

MR. HUBBARD: Hi.

MS. CRISTINA: Hi, thank you. I have questions that I would like, I know you cannot answer them, that's okay. But if they can be added to the record and perhaps somebody can provide answers at a later date?

In regards to your TLP interview questions, page four and five, there are listed questions and I'm wondering which one of those would make somebody who is requesting to live at that site disqualified from living in that shelter? Questions being have there been any issues of aggression; have there been any incidents of police involvement/legal history; have you been on probation or parole; have there been any incidents of sexually problematic behaviors, current or historic; have you ever had to register as a sex offender; have there been any issues regarding domestic violence; is there a gang involvement, current or historical; and are there any incidents of fire starting or arson. Are there any questions on any of the pages that if anyone indicates yes that would disqualify the individual from living there?

This is now a comment, no longer a question. I'm always for giving individuals a second chance and helping to improve people's lives. That's not the concern here. The concern here is the location. Not only is this a residential location, but within blocks of this

site there is an elementary school. Whenever children are in the vicinity, extra precautions and considerations must be made. Although I commend wanting to help individuals, we need to make sure that the location is appropriate for that, and I do not believe that this is an appropriate location.

I think that those were all my notes and I appreciate your time. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay, I am going to bring over a panelist with the name Becky. Becky, you're being added to the panelist side. You can unmute yourself, provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter and provide your public comment.

MS. McCLANEY: Hi, good afternoon, or good evening. I guess it's evening now, 10:00 o'clock at night. Thank you all for the time and the opportunity to join you all tonight.

My name is I guess formally Rebecca, or Becky, McClaney, M-c-C-l-a-n-e-y. I live at 2259 East Ashbury Court in Arlington Heights. Not only do I live in Arlington Heights, I work in Arlington Heights.

I just wanted to come and share, I echo a lot of what a lot of people have said before. I am an educator. I work with at-risk youth that present with mental health needs. It's really our opportunity to show our children in our community how we speak and lead and what we want them to be as they grow into our community. This isn't about giving the kids of Shelter, Inc. a second chance but a chance to make something different than the cards that were dealt to them and really giving them an opportunity to learn and grow and be surrounded by an amazing community that we all have the opportunity to live and grow in and give them this chance to live and grow with us.

Really, they already do so much for our community by, you know, providing opportunities, and what a great way to encourage them and allow our youth to see that we lead with our hearts and with our love. Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. All right, I'm going to bring in an attendee by the name of a10884. You should be added to the panelist side. Zoom should be asking you to unmute yourself, and you can give your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your public comment.

SPEAKER: And here is the video. Okay. All right, there you go. Hello?

MR. HUBBARD: Good evening.

SPEAKER: Go ahead.

MR. BRUCE ACKERMAN: Good evening. My name is Bruce Ackerman, A-c-k-e-r-m-a-n. We are residents on East Knob Hill, approximately a block-and-a-half from the subject property.

I've listened with great dismay this evening because the preponderance of the comments that were positive were not, I repeat, not located in the Ivy Hill Subdivision which numbers approximately 500 single family primarily homes. The location of the proposed project variance is inaccessible most of the time during busy hours, weekdays or weekends, egress or access out onto Arlington Heights Road from that immediate location. This would create complete chaos and bedlam.

Number two, as has been stated, Ivy Hill School, which educated both of our sons, is located three short blocks away. The Thomas Junior High School has a bus stop corner. The Camelot Park and Pool and exercise area, which I happen to go to myself personally, is five blocks. The children that walk by this area are young, many, impressionable,

innocent young people.

The proposed use, therefore, of this subject property would negatively affect the essential character of our immediate contiguous properties. We are all taxpayers, and of course many of us do vote. Forgetting the effect negatively on the assessed valuations, the market values of the properties, a transitional program such as this involving 10 to 12 males will tie up not only parking spaces whilst congesting as mentioned, but upset the quiet intergenerational cluster of the fabric of the neighborhood.

I noticed in the proposed change, there was a mention of plight, the plight of the owner's circumstances of the existing property at 207. To my knowledge, the Village nor homeowners do not include a guarantee of collective responsibility as a neighborhood resident to provide for the "unique circumstance" of the subject's homeowner who is selling. The persons in this area have worked long and hard as many in Arlington Heights have to provide a simple, secure, and a safe family lifestyle that is an earned right of its property owners as well as their children, grandparents, other taxpaying people in the area.

We totally, vigorously oppose this proposal, and of course feel that this is not also, I want to make it clear, a racial issue. I can make it crystal clear because personally I can attest to that fact myself. I don't want to talk in riddles, but I'm talking about whatever here, personal factors. Our neighboring residents here are both diverse, highly educated, and oppose this grant of special use program. I thank you.

MS. MULLEN: Hi, my name is Lisa Mullen. Can you hear me? Because I can't hear you.

MR. HUBBARD: Yes, we can hear you.

MS. MULLEN: Okay, sorry. My name is Lisa Mullen, M-u-l-l-e-n. I just want to say that I fully support this program. I keep hearing about these kids and they're all worried about them. These kids did not ask to not have support at home. They did not ask for the situation that they grew up in. It is our job as a community to help these kids and get them on the right track. They volunteered to do this, we didn't, you know, grab them kicking and screaming. They volunteered to want to learn how to get a job and to live in the society. So, I just want to voice that I fully support this program. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Sam, you're on mute.

MR. HUBBARD: Sorry. I'm bringing in a Lisa Paczosa, I'm sorry, an Elizabeth Paczosa. I see you're in, please provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your public comment.

MS. PACZOSA: Hi, yes. My name is Elizabeth Paczosa, P-a-c-z-o-s-a. I live at 707 East Valley Lane, very close to this proposed program.

I'm in strong opposition of this program being positioned at 207-209 East Valley Lane. My husband and I moved here three years ago on this block specifically for our three children who attend Ivy Hill School today. Safety is very important to us, and I believe having this duplex housing multiple adult men who are unable to sustain stability on their own would hinder our block in the matter of safety. Many children walk to Ivy Hill with and without their parents or an adult present, and we have already had an incident of an adult male assaulting a minor on her way to school. This happened directly outside my home, and it's had us increase our security to our home with camera activity to protect ourselves and our neighbors if anything else were to happen.

This project is too close to the elementary school, parks, and homes with small children. I believe that if this project is implemented in a residential area with young families, it will deter young families from buying on our block in the future. There have been multiple for sale homes in the past six months on our block, which I believe poses an issue. Our neighborhood needs to be in favor of more young families with children and less adult males who have difficulty living a stable life.

Please reconsider this location and place, possibly downtown closer to public transit and amenities for them. I appreciate your time.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. I am going to bring in a Vaibhav Agrawal. You should now be added to Zoom. Please unmute yourself, give your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your comment.

MR. AGRAWAL: Hi, can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. AGRAWAL: Thank you. Hi, my name is Vaibhav Agrawal, last name is spelled as A-g-r-a-w-a-l. I live within 500 feet from the proposed Shelter site. Thank you for letting me speak and thank you for all the hard work you guys are doing here tonight and allowing us to express our opinion.

I'm personally strongly opposed to this relocation on the basis of what the Staff Committee has already determined earlier, irrespective of the number of residents which are going to stay there. I had sent an e-mail earlier, but it was not read. I'll not repeat all the content of my e-mail because it is already with you to read.

One thing I'd like to be very clear about is we are not opposed to what Shelter program is doing for the community. They are doing a great job and they should do it. A lot of supporters tonight have alluded, too, that there is an opposition to what the program is doing which is not true. It is about the location that the proposed site is. It's a real impact to neighboring houses which cannot be overlooked.

Also, please note, many supporters as stated earlier are not getting impacted directly as they don't live in the vicinity. So, while I respect their inputs, I respectfully don't agree with them.

I also want to comment on uprooting all six individuals from the existing location. You have chosen this location because it can provide jobs to those six individuals or 12 individuals because it's closer to business, but you are uprooting six individuals from the existing location. How will they go back to those jobs if there is no facility available here to drive to that location which is quite far from this particular location? There are better locations which has a lot of businesses which has transportation closer to downtown. It would be easier for these persons to reach there than coming over to this particular location.

Finally, we all don't need to be up so late voicing opinions on a workday if Plan Committee's advice, which was not in favor, would have been considered. This is not a good use of our and your time. Thank you for letting me speak.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. All right, I'm going to bring in a Tim McRaith. Please state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and when you've unmuted yourself provide your comment.

MR. McRAITH: Can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. McRAITH: Okay, my name is Tim McRaith. I live at 208 East Knob

Hill Drive, which is within 250 feet of the proposed home.

I oppose, strongly oppose this variance. I support what the program does but we just, I do not approve of the location. Most of, I just wanted to make a comment, most of the supporters that have voiced their opinion here do not live on Knob Hill or Valley, in the immediate area. So, that's a different perspective. But I want to say I support what this program is doing, what they're doing for these young adults, but not at this location. It will disrupt the whole fabric of this community in this neighborhood. Thank you very much.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I am going to bring in a Theresa Wells.

MS. WELLS: Hello, can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MS. WELLS: Good evening, and thank you for taking my comments. As a home-owning resident with a family who lives on the block of the proposed Shelter, I live on 402 East Valley Lane, I wish to express my objection to this plan. Single-family homes dominate this section of our neighborhood. My family currently enjoys a comfortable, quiet environment to live in where my 13-year-old daughter can continue to flourish and grow without having to fear for her safety. She and her friends frequently ride their bikes past the proposed property, and I'm concerned with the added stress of wondering if they will come in contact with, any untoward contact with any of the residents. The proposed residents will mostly be male and between the ages of 17 and 21. I do not want my 13-year-old daughter to be in contact with this demographic.

Another issue of concern is precedent. If we allow the youth of the proposed residence as in shelter care home, what would prevent the other neighboring homes with the same blueprint from becoming one as well due to zoning? The allowance of the first home will set the precedent for another, not only in our neighborhood but other locations within Arlington Heights. Shelter, Inc. stated in a recent community meeting that they have no plans to expand, yet this will be their second property in Arlington Heights.

Those in support of this home, as stated earlier, do not necessarily live on Valley Lane or the neighboring streets. They live on the opposite end of Arlington Heights with no impact to their children's safety or immediate property. As noted in public record, many of the proposed residents are undergoing treatment for mental health issues, and have violated curfew. It is known that the Department of Children and Family Services is having problems finding space and housing for the proposed population. In order to secure state funds, social service agencies such as Shelter, Inc., make agreements with suburban areas to address the issue of runaways and easier tracking due to limited public transportation versus locations in their city.

It was stated that the decision should be made based on facts and not feelings. However, while searching for our home, a major deciding factor for moving to Arlington Heights was based on how we would feel as a family living in this neighborhood, how we interact with our neighbors and establish stable relationships within the community. Our line of thinking and feeling should not be discounted. Many of the neighbors spent years saving enough money to buy homes in this area. Many are of retirement age who wish to not leave their stability for their safety or loss of property value. As these residents will be transitional, there will be cycling of residents in and out of the home with an average stay being less than two years.

I also want to say that for further transparency, I submit and hope that Ivy Hill Elementary School as well as Thomas Middle School has been made aware of this proposed shelter. I'd be interested to know the school board's perspective on this proposal. Both schools educate students on being alert for stranger danger situations and how to report it. As another neighbor mentioned, we had a situation not too long ago with an assault on a student.

Another point of fact is that we are taxpaying voters. This allowance of the proposed rezoning and use of this residence will become an important issue for us to consider during the next election. While I support the purpose of Shelter, Inc. and I support helping our fellow citizens, I do not support using our neighborhood as a test case. So, I'd strongly urge you to deny this application and leave the zoning as is. Thank you for hearing my comments.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I'm going to bring in a Brad. Brad, please provide your name and address, sorry, please provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and your address if you would like.

MR. WELLS: Hello.

MR. HUBBARD: Good evening.

MR. WELLS: My name is Brad Wells, and that's W-e-l-l-s.

MR. HUBBARD: Brad, we're getting a lot of feedback.

MR. WELLS: Okay, and I just wanted to state that we're not against, you know, a lot of people think that we're against the program. I just wanted to let you know that I grew up on the south side of Chicago, so I know about at-risk youth. I grew up with at-risk youth, and I've seen some of my friends grow up to be productive citizens. So, I know about second chances and I'm a true believer. So, it's not about the program that we're against, but what we're against is the location. It seems as if you're trying to put a square peg into a circle and it doesn't fit.

I just want to let you know that most of the people that are in support of this program, which we are in support of the program but we're just not in support of the location, they do not live within the vicinity of where the location is being proposed. I want you to please take that in consideration when you think about this.

I have a 13-year-old daughter. She has friends that come over and she travels back and forth, her friends back and forth from houses, to their house, to our house, and we want this to be a safe area where they can do that without having to worry. We'd just like, as said previously, we do not want to break the fabric of this neighborhood. Thank you for taking my comments. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I'm going to bring in a Max Ackerman.

MR. MAX ACKERMAN: Hello.

MR. HUBBARD: Good evening.

MR. MAX ACKERMAN: Hi, my name is Max Ackerman, A-c-k-e-r-m-a-n. I live at 419 East Knob Hill Drive, roughly a half a block away from the proposed site. Similar sentiment, to echo previously stated participants, is that I completely support the program. I understand the vast importance, especially during these times, of a need for a program for people to have second chances. But I think it is important to note that I disagree with the location of the site and I think it should be in a different location.

I think the views of the people here stated previously are valid regarding safety, regarding potential decrease on home prices, and regarding a change in the neighborhood environment. I think ultimately, whatever, you know, the opinions of either side is, I think it comes down to the fact that the homeowners in the surrounding area are taxpayers who pay a fair share to live in the location and should have a, basically a majority vote of how they think their neighborhood should be. I think that shouldn't be inconsequential.

I think an easy way to kind of get around all this is to send everyone within maybe a three to five-block radius a paper ballot where they could fill it out and decide whether they want the location. I think it's fairly simple. Whether, you know, whether we have all these opinions or not, I think it should come down to a majority vote. It seems fairly simple to pull the addresses of all the people from the city hall and send everyone a ballot. I think this would be the most fair route, and if the majority of people want it, then fine, it comes. But if the majority of people don't want it, which it seems like they don't, then it should be denied. I think that's very fair for people who pay money to live in a certain location.

That's my time. Thank you all.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I am going to bring in a Chris. Okay, Chris, please state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter. If you'd like to give your address, you may, and you can unmute yourself and provide your public comment.

MR. SZEWCZYK: Hello, my name is Chris Szewczyk, last name S-z-e-w-c-z-y-k. I live in the Knob Hill Street at 303. That's about 250 feet from the proposed Shelter, Inc. location.

So, I wanted to voice my strong opposition to this proposal. I also think that the e-mails and the comments of individuals who don't live in the Ivy Hill Subdivision should not carry the same weight as the residents of Ivy Hill Subdivision. I feel that folks who live, you know, miles away would not be in favor of this proposal if they were about to be next to a shelter where police shows up frequently.

What really concerned me is the statistic that you presented. For example, the 10 criminal calls in 2020 with just six teens living there really concerns me about the ability of Shelter staff to manage these troubled teens. So, it will make our neighborhood less safe, it will drop the property values, it will probably make people want to move out of here. Many of us have small kids. I have also a 14-year-old daughter who I would be more concerned about if this, you know, goes forward.

So, again, I voice my strong opposition, and thank you for taking my comments.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I'm going to bring in a Nadya Frid. Nadya, Zoom should be asking you to unmute yourself. Please state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your public comment.

MS. FRID: Hi, I'm Nadya Frid, F-r-i-d. While I believe the Shelter is a wonderful idea and I'm thankful for its organizers, I think this is not the right location from the viewpoint of transportation and parking. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Sam, do we need to extend the meeting by chance?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes, in the next six minutes we should.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: This is Jay. I'll move to extend for another 30 minutes.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Second.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I should say terminating at 11:00 o'clock, 30 minutes after 10:30.

MR. HUBBARD: May I suggest once we're done with public comment, if we want to recess for five minutes to stretch and for a bathroom break if anyone needs to? I see two more hands, three more hands raised for public comment. Let me take a roll call vote on the motion to extend.

Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Aye.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Green.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: All right, so we're extended through at least 11:00.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: But we're going to wrap up public commentary. We have three more, three minutes each, then we go on break.

MR. HUBBARD: All right, I have an Igor Malamud. Igor, please state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, add your address if you'd like, and give your public comment.

MR. MALAMUD: Yes, hi, everyone. Can you hear me?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. MALAMUD: Well, first of all, thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak. I live in East Valley Lane, 310 East Valley Lane, just one block away from 207, for 16 years. My son who is currently serving in the US Marine Corps grew up in this street. He attended both Ivy Hill as well as Thomas School. We actually moved here because of the safety of this neighborhood, and we were very happy to live here.

Just a few months ago, there was a case on our street when police knocked on our door asking if we saw the child abused, a child that was walking down the street towards Ivy Hill. That was kind of like very unusual for our area. I believe one of the neighbors mentioned that during just the 2020 year, the current location for the Shelter, Incorporated, there were 10 calls because of criminal activity. I believe in our area, just one is too much.

So, I strongly oppose the proposition to place the Shelter,

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Incorporated in our neighborhood. Thank you again for the opportunity..

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I'm going to bring in a Katherine Scortino. All right, if you would please state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your public comment.

MS. SCORTINO: My name is Katherine Scortino, S as in Sam, c-o-r-t-i-n-o. I just wanted to comment, I'm going to keep my comment short because I think Ann Gillespie and Carrie Estrada and several other people have stated so much of, so many of my thoughts and beliefs on this project.

I am in full support of it, and I am an Ivy Hill resident. I have lived here for 42 years. My kids all went to Ivy Hill and Thomas and Buffalo Grove High School. It's a fabulous neighborhood. It's for that reason that I want these young men to also have the opportunity to be able to be in an environment like this. Others are talking about safety issues, they want to be safe, too. They want to be in a home, and this is a perfect opportunity for all of us to show that we are neighbors, that we are friends.

Just on Sunday, Mayor Hayes was saying when he was at the opening of the Maker Place that in our community we provide something for everybody. Well, now is our chance to provide something really important, a home for these young men. So, I'm in full support. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I'm going to bring in a Jolanta, and I do see one more hand was raised, so one more after Jolanta gives their public comment. If you could state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, give your address if you'd like, and proceed with your public comment.

MS. SZYMANSKA: Good evening, thanks for having me. My name is Jolanta, my last name is S-z-y-m-a-n-s-k-a. I live at 303 East Knob Hill Drive, and I strongly oppose moving Shelter to Valley Lane.

I am a registered nurse. I work in the field, and my main concern about Shelter being so close to such a busy intersection is not only the safety of our kids, but I am also concerned about the safety of the Shelter residents. The reason for that is when you deal with trauma, mental disease, sometimes, you know, the symptoms of those diseases can be not controlled. Then if you are so close to such a busy intersection, that is a safety issue for the residents of the Shelter.

So, as a mom with three kids, as a person who deals with mental disease on a personal level because we have family members who have mental disease and physical trauma, and also as a nurse who deals with, that I do not feel this is a good location for Shelter. At the same time, I would like to thank all the employees of the Shelter who provide a second chance for those kids because definitely, I see as a nurse a huge crisis in mental health in the United States. Thank you so much for taking my comments.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. I see two hands left. Let me promote Follett to the panelist side. Follett, once you're in, you can unmute yourself and state your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, provide your address if you'd like, and proceed with your public comment.

MS. FOLLETT: Hello?

MR. HUBBARD: Good evening.

MS. FOLLETT: Good evening. I won't repeat what everyone has said other than I live at, the name is Mary Alice Follett, F like in Frank, o-l-l-e-t-t. I live at 209 Knob

Hill, two doors away from the proposed site.

We strongly oppose, and I won't repeat what everyone else has said, but living so close, we know exactly what is going to happen to our neighborhood should this be approved. You've all received many notarized statements from all of the neighbors that are in close proximity, and so you know how we feel. You know the reasons why we don't want this in our area. We all support the Shelter, okay, but we don't support the location. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. All right, last hand raised, I'm bringing in somebody by the name of Resident. Resident, you should be added to the attendee side, I'm sorry, the panelist side. You should be able to unmute yourself, provide your name, spell your last name for the court reporter, and provide your comment.

MS. FALCAO: Hi there. My name is Kathleen Falcao, F like Frank, a-l-c-a-o. I also live on Vargo Lane in the Ivy Hill neighborhood.

I'd like to just add to all of the comments in opposition for the vote for this property. I do also have children that attend District 25 and District 214. I am also a healthcare professional, and I just do have the same concerns. I won't repeat all of what has been said from a safety standpoint.

I also don't think that it's comparison of apples to apples from the earlier presentation on the current location of the property on Golf Road. If I understood correctly, I think I heard it was something like two acres. For the amount of proposed residents in such a small space, it's really not an equivalent property by any stretch, as well as the location is not ideal being less than five blocks away from an elementary school. So, thank you for allowing my comments.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you for your comment. Chair Dawson, I do not see any more hands raised, so I think it is appropriate at this point if you would like to close public comment and then recess for a short break.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes, I agree. So, we will go ahead and close public commentary. It is, according to my computer, 10:35, so we'll do a five-minute break and reconvene at 10:40, correct? Okay. All right, see everyone back at 10:40.

(Off the record.)

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: It looks like we're just waiting for a couple of people to come back.

COMMISSIONER DROST: I'm back, Sue.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Thanks, George. We are still waiting for Commissioner Lorenzini. Commissioner Cherwin, I don't see your camera, so I don't know if you're back or not.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I'm back, I'm sorry. Here I am.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, good.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: I'm here. I'm present.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, looks like everyone is back. So, I'm sure we have lots of questions. There were a number of questions I made note of from the public.

Who would like to start? Commissioners, I wish I could like look right or left and tell you who's starting, but I can't do that.

Okay, Commissioner Ennes, you're up.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes, you're on mute.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, I'm sorry. Carina, I have a couple of questions for you, and possibly for your staff.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: You mentioned, just out of general curiosity, a couple of times you mentioned that Shelter was started by a police officer. Do you know who that was?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes, it was Paul Buckles.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, a very well-known Police Commissioner in town.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: He started a number of things. In regard to your Golf Road property where there are all these reports, many police reports, many of which are required by the regulation that you work under, being the curfew problems. How quickly do you have to report a curfew problem?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. So, we have a curfew of midnight to 1:00 a.m. If they aren't home and we were not able to get in touch with them, then that's when we report. Again, it is a report, the police are not coming up to us, so it's not a disturbance to the community. We just call in the report.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: So, it's an hour?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: If they're an hour late, okay. Gee, good thing I never called on my kids, my teenagers, but at the Golf Road facility, do you have 24-hour supervision there?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: We do.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Did you in the past, when the higher numbers were?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: We did have 24-hour supervision when, but the one thing that changed was our screening tool, both on the questionnaire that we ask as well as now we have access to their full history, which helped as well.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: What do you call the residents at your property? Are they clients? Are they, what are they?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes, we call them clients.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Clients, okay. What do you attribute to the reduced number of police calls over the last few years? Is that programming? What do you think that the reason for that reduction in police calls is?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. So, I think it's a mix of things. I think it is our programming. As you saw from our list that I had turned in, we have high-level staff and clinicians who are there and are accessible to our youth at all times. We started our clinical program, so prior to 2021 our youth are unmedicated and trying to find mental health services in the northwest suburbs is very difficult. So, we moved to that barrier by creating our own clinical program where they would have access to a licensed clinical professional at all times of the day.

In addition to that, we then did our screening tools then with having access, in 2020 it started, we had access to -- which is the historical file of the youth. So, when we interviewed them and if we saw discrepancies from their interview and from their case file, we were able to then go more into depth and ask them more questions and kind of weed out the

youth who we do not think were appropriate for our program.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, I'm active in the Rotary Club in town, and it seems like a number of years ago, this is like seven-eight years ago, that our club helped, and I believe it was a Shelter location, possibly a TLP location in town.

Do you have another facility in town?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: No, this is our only Arlington Heights facility.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Was the Golf Road facility?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, were you part of the search committee for this location?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: I was.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: How many locations do you think you looked at before deciding on this current location?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: I would have to look back at all of the listings that our realtor had given to us, but over 20, 25, maybe 30 locations.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: You worked with a broker?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, most of those locations, what do you think it is that ruled them out? Were they all in Arlington Heights or all over the suburbs?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: We did a couple, we looked at Mount Prospect, Des Plaines, Palatine. Arlington Heights was definitely, knowing that we have roots here and that we were created in Arlington Heights, I think definitely stuck with us. We're an important part of this community and we wanted to, you know, to stay here. But we did open it up.

What ruled out some of the other locations were, this is the only duplex or it gave us more space. So, currently, our ranch home at Golf Road is very small, it's less than 1,500 square feet. This opened us up to additional space. It doubles that space for us. It is also the number one thing for us was it's in walking distance to all of the employment opportunities.

So, many comments about parking or traffic or not having access to public transportation, it's actually not a problem for us because our youth already work at employers who, they would just be able to transfer to the sites that are close to this location. So, we have a youth at McDonalds, we have one at Office Depot, we have one at Jewel. They can just then transfer to the Jewel or the Office Depot that is right behind our facility.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: The Golf Road facility, the youth that are there, the youth, the young men that are there that would be transferring, there are six of them?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes. So, they could then, so if we were to move to this location on Valley, they could just transfer stores and stay employed.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, so if I'm hearing you correctly, you're saying the new residence is bigger. Some people had mentioned this, the Golf Road facility was on 2.5 acres, but that residence was much smaller?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct. So, the 2.5 acres is the whole commercial property that's for sale. So, that person who owned Animal Needs & Feeds and also owns the two acres rented out the 1,500 square-foot facility to us. He also, if you look at

public record, has written a letter about what great tenants we have been, how respectful the young people have been of his property at all times, and he's also a great supporter.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Were there, do each of your clients have their own room at that location?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: They do not. They all share a bedroom.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: So, you had three bedrooms with two kids in each one?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Which could create more conflict, I mean, with, you know, it's easier to have a hard time with somebody sharing the same room than having your own bedroom.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Your own place for your own staff.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes. It also the model, the living situation that most of them go into. So, it is something that they learn from living is to how to communicate and conflict resolution skills if there is an issue.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, I've been a big supporter of Shelter for decades. You do a lot of great things in the community. From what I heard, you answered one of my next questions I believe, and that's in regard to what is it about this location that made you choose it. I think what I heard you say is that there's walking distance to all those jobs.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: But these young men, they're 17 to 21, and they're also going to school?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Whether it's junior college, college, some of them are finishing high school?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: How, you know, it's nice that they can walk to Northpoint Shopping Center or some of the other retail spots in the area, but how are they going to get to those other things?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. So, through the McKinney-Vento Liaison Act, our school transportation is actually provided for and paid for. We also give them a stipend of $110 a month for transportation needs. At times, depending on who needs to go and if let's say five youth are at work or at school and one youth needs a ride, our staff may be able to drive them or another therapist would be able to drive to their therapy appointments or doctor's appointments if needed. So, we, or they're then able to use Uber, Lyft, or the Pace Phone-a-Ride is also utilized, especially if they're going to Harper.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, that really answers most of my questions. There were some of the, I should point out I'm an Ivy Hill resident. So, I live in the neighborhood, although I'm not as close as the people that are on the immediate streets, but I really have to emphasize my support for this type of program. If we don't help these young people who, we can't blame them for the situation that they were born into, the abuse, the neglect, and anything we can do to help them when they want to do and get better off in their life; I support going after that.

I was a little concerned about the transportation because we don't

have any transportation on, you know, public transportation on Arlington Heights or Rand, but it sounds like for their education, they're going to have that, it's going to be made available to them?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: That was one of my biggest concerns. I also want to say that if we don't support young men who want to do better with their lives after the hand that was dealt to them, we're going to need to build more low income and affordable housing in our community. I'd much rather see that we spend money on projects like this. That's all I have.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Thank you.

MR. BEA: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Thank you, Commissioner Ennes.

Who would like to go next? Don't all just jump at once. Okay, I'm going to call on people.

Commissioner Jensen --

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I can --

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: There we go. Okay, sorry.

Commissioner Jensen and then Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I'll keep this somewhat short. Sam, you used the data through 2020 for the police calls and we saw that rising trend after it bottomed out at, you know, at seven calls. We have been provided with the eight or so months into 2021 when we dropped from 28 down to two. So, I have a question, or maybe it's a suggestion for you to maybe include that when it goes to the Board in your report.

I would ask the Petitioner though, do we think that you've done things that are going to allow that fall to persist? That we're going to stay at that lower level rather than see it revert to an increase to the 28 calls previously? What have you done that's caused that drop and is it going to be a persistent drop?

MR. STOMPER: Hi, this is John Stomper. I am the board, I'm sorry, I am the volunteer board president. Last name Stomper, S-t-o, m as in Mary, p as in Peter, e-r. I'll address that one just to give Carina a little bit of a break here.

The 28 calls in 2020, if you look at them, 24 of those 28 calls were related to one youth. That youth was removed from the program in early 2021, in fact one of the two calls in '21 related to that youth moving him out.

Shelter has implemented an enhanced screening process as Carina had mentioned. In 2020, this youth was in here before the screening process was put in place. We now have access to their records, so we can do a more in-depth analysis and more in-depth questionnaire of these youth.

So, I think, you know, one of the things that has happened, and we think that the trend will continue this way, because if you look at and you take out the anomaly of 2020, the knots or the serious calls go from seven in 2016 to two in 2017 to three in 2018 to one in 2019 to zero in 2020 and zero in 2021.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Good, okay. That's it, that answers that question. The other thing, and I don't know whether you need to do it as the Petitioner when this goes to the Board or whether Staff needs to do it, I didn't think it was a great comparison to do the Golf Road facility and compare it with what this proposal is. I would like to see some

information comparing the Palatine and the Schaumburg facilities that are in actual residential areas. Have you had complaints that went to the local police departments there? What do the residents think about it, and so forth.

So, I think a more apt comparison by either Staff or the Petitioner would be this facility that's proposed with the other two that are in a very similar setting. Because the setting on Golf Road is really not similar, and I don't know that it's very instructive. So, that's just a comment.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen, I can address that if you would like.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Sure.

MR. HUBBARD: The facilities in Schaumburg and in Palatine, we did look at those. They weren't apples to apples comparisons. One of the facilities is for boys up to the age of 17 as an emergency shelter, and the other is for girls up to the age of 17 as an emergency shelter. So, it wasn't, we did consider it but they weren't an apples to apples comparison.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Great. Well, thank you, thank you for verifying that. I would ask the Petitioner, what about either recidivism or maybe looked at a different way, do you do any follow-up with your "graduates"? What happens to them after they leave the program? Do they continue upward and onward? Or do they get into trouble? Or do you have any capability of following what happens after they leave your facility?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure, we do. We are able, so we will say that we know that none of our clients have again, discharged our program into homelessness or not a stable living environment. They are all in a stable living environment. We do have contact with them. At times, they call us back, they give us updates. Some of them, some graduates will most likely come to the Village Board hearing when we get to that point to tell everyone about their experiences as a graduate of Shelter, Inc. We also invite them and have had and do have graduates of all of our programs currently employed at Shelter, and it is something that we're very proud of.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Okay, that's very good. I know you don't give, I'm not asking you to violate any HIPAA regulations, but you mentioned there are mental health issues that you would expect given the environment in which these young men emerge from. But are these garden variety mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, neuroses or whatever? Or do we have anything more serious in terms of psychotic breaks or the kinds of things that might lead to more violent behavior?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. Anxiety and depression and then post traumatic stress disorder are the pretty most common diagnoses.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Okay, and really there is not much of that that has led to violence per se, the mental health issue which has kind of been alluded to as some of the residents as being, you know, suggesting that there might be some violence that would emerge out of that, that's not been an issue, is that what you're telling me?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I think the only couple of things that I would say, if you read through a lot of those comments that came in, and I guess they were comments that were attached to the other reports, Sam, there were a bunch of things that were mentioned in those that weren't actually mentioned in the public comments about this will decrease the

property value and so forth. If you do an Internet search, you'll find out you can find studies that say it actually increases the value of the properties in the neighborhoods, or you find some that say it decreases it and so forth. I would hope that Staff or the Petitioner could put some of this into perspective, so you don't just have this barrage of repetitive stuff in the written comments that says it's going to have a particular effect on property values because it is ambiguous at best. I think that needs to be put into some perspective if this does go to the Board.

The other things that I would say is basically we have a lot of people, I didn't think the example of one person accosting a young person in this neighborhood and trying to indirectly link it to the behavior of these residents was very compelling in my point of view. It sounds like it could have been somebody, it wasn't necessarily somebody who's a resident of a shelter, so I'm not sure what to make of that. But the obvious view of the people who oppose this is that these are somehow unsavory people, they're bad people, they're not people from our particular area, they may be more of a criminal element and they are a threat to our children. I don't really think there's much that would suggest that to be the case, so I wasn't too compelled by that.

So, I understand why the neighbors do not want this in their backyard. That's a very common reaction. I'm not particularly moved by that unless there were some really good solid reasons not to have it in your backyard. The police issues did give me some concern. I think I've had most of my concerns alleviated, so like Commissioner Ennes, I'm generally in support of this project.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Thanks, Commissioner Jensen. Before we move on, just one comment. If you, I know you're concerned about comparing, and you're right, this isn't plunked right in the middle of a residential area, but it is directly across the street from Surrey Ridge which is a very populated residential area. Also, it is, if you look at Google Maps or whatever, it's about the same distance between the current Shelter home and Juliette Low Elementary School, and also Heritage Pool and Heritage Park and all those fields as it is between the proposed location and Ivy Hill.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Right. It may be a better, I see the point.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: I just want to make sure that there are --

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes, it's a better comparison than I, I thought the others would be better, but I agree they're not.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: No, but there are comparisons. It might be plunked right in the middle of it but it is equidistant. The current location is the same distance to an elementary school as the proposed location, and yet there have been no incidences that I'm aware of, and maybe Shelter can correct me or the Village can correct me, about that having, the location having any impact on the elementary school.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Thanks. I think that --

COMMISSIONER DROST: I'd like to make a motion to extend this another --

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Oh, goodness, it's 11:00 o'clock. Thank you, George.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, time goes by so fast.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I'll second.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Okay, motion to extend by Drost, second by Cherwin.

Can we get a roll call vote?

Commissioner Ennes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Green.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Did we extend for 30? Was that, did we just vote for 30?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, 30 minutes, because we're going to try to get it packaged, you know.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I'm quite done, Sue.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, so Commissioner Cherwin, you're up next?

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Okay, yes, thanks for your time. I appreciate all the public comments. I guess I have a few questions, I heard this in the Conceptual Plan Review Committee and I think at the time my position was that the Petitioner did not meet the standards for a special use. So, we're looking at a special use, right, because of the exception. We have general zoning requirement, the lay of the land, and then we have to look at these in a very particular basis, is it appropriate in this particular setting.

I think a lot of the petitioners, it seems like people who are in support are setting up this false dichotomy whereas if you don't approve it here, then you must not support the mission, you must not support the program, Arlington in general is not good even though it's been here for over 15 years in Arlington, and Arlington has been I think a good home for these folks. I guess the overall goodness of Arlington is in question if it doesn't go in this particular location, which I think is totally inappropriate.

But, you know, I think there has been a lot of support for the program in general. I think it's a great mission. I think, you know, I live down by the current one. Kind of what you guys said before, I totally disagree. I think the giant road called Golf Road that runs between the neighborhood that exists in Surrey Ridge and the current site which is also bound on the easterly, southerly and westerly borders by commercial properties and then Golf Road to the northerly border, I think that's a far different situation than having it dropped into this neighborhood with houses on either side and then residential street. So, I do think it's apples to oranges.

I think it's great where it is right now. It's a great location. I guess

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even though I don't support it being dropped into this neighborhood because, you know, we look at the people who are in the immediate vicinity and I think overall we can, as we evaluate these, you know, we're looking of course at the prongs of what's appropriate for special use. As it seems to me the overwhelming people in the immediate vicinity who would be immediately impacted are not in favor of it, I think it's unfair to state it's due to some outlandish concern of theirs. I don't think it's outlandish at all. I mean, the police numbers are what they are. They've gotten better which is great, but eight months doesn't make a trend. We got a dip, there was a dip several years ago, and then it bounced back up three times to what it was.

So, I think it seems to me like they're doing a pretty good job of trying to get this, you know, continue to improve their program. They've got these new restrictions in place, but you know, it's not totally proven out yet and we'll see. I mean, it sounds like they're making progress and I would imagine that some of the ups and downs is dependent on who they have in the house as well, and they can't totally control that. If we can get the screening under control, maybe it is a long-term trend and then maybe it changes the analysis, but for me, it looks like it's still considerable.

Even though these may not be, a lot of these calls aren't being necessarily problematic, you know, kids on the street, because they live houses away, they see police cars rolling up, you know, once a week or, you know, twice a week or whatever it may be depending on the number of people there, that's very disruptive to them. It's very, it's just not conducive to a peaceful neighborhood and I think it's very stressful on the kids. I don't think it has, like Lynn said, it doesn't have anything to do with kind of what happened in the past. It's a different criminal conduct that's not connected to this home, I don't think that enters the analysis, I agree. But I do agree that if you have kids in the neighborhood and you have now a cop car showing up quite a bit, I think that's very unsettling to the neighborhood feel of it, and I think the neighbors who are in the immediate vicinity expressed that very clearly.

I mean, I do think that, you know, I would love to help Shelter, Inc. find their place in Arlington Heights or in, you know, in one of even nearby communities, wherever it makes sense for them to find their house. I think the current site would be great if maybe they could re-look at that and look at a potential developer for a part of it. I know I would support a subdivision of that property to make it happen because I do think it's a good location. It's obviously worked really well for them there.

We have a lot of people on the line who have been supporting this project. Maybe we need to look in or around their houses as well. It looks like Vail, Bristol, Ashley Court, some of those folks, maybe we can find properties in or about those addresses where, you know, maybe there's more support. But I think right now we have to look at kind of the neighbors who are in this neighborhood and who have invested in this neighborhood and, you know, take very seriously their concerns.

So, I think those are my main points. I don't support the project in this current location but would support it potentially in another location that's more appropriate for it.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, thank you. Who would like to go next?

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes, I would like to just continue from what Jay was just saying. Again, I've been a very long-time supporter of Shelter, I think they do a tremendous service. We've gone to, my wife and I have gone to a number of their fund-raising events, contributed to their mission and I'd like to see them stay in Arlington Heights.

I really question this location. The other thing I question is this disparity between the Staff report which states in the last 10 years they've had 553 calls which amounts to 55 per year. The letter that I saw today from Shelter during the same period of time says they've had 97 calls. Well, I question how come we have such a disparity there? Can somebody clarify that to me?

MR. HUBBARD: The 97 calls were over the last five years, and I think both Shelter and the Village agree that that's the number of calls over the last five years. Over the last 10 years, it was the 553 calls, so I think that's the distinction there.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes, I understand this. So, if you take the 553 over 10 years, that's 55 calls per year. If you take the Shelter statistics of 97 calls over five years, that's 20 calls per year. So, there's still a big disparity. I mean, I just, are we being told what we want to hear? I'm not certain about that.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Just clarification. Did you hear, Sam said the Village agrees with that number of calls --

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: That's fine; I feel that --

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: -- because I think that comes from the Police Department, like there's police records.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Right.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: It's not, they're not, you know.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes, I'm just looking at the average call per year, whether it be averaged over 10 years or averaged over five years, that's all.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sure. Sure, sure. I'm just trying to make sure you understand they're not making the numbers up and the Village agrees with the numbers.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Right. But again, I am very supportive of what Shelter does. I don't think this is the proper location. They stated they've looked at a number of different locations in Arlington Heights. I'd like to see them stay in Arlington Heights. I can't believe they can't find a more suitable location much like they have there on Golf Road that isn't immediately adjacent to neighboring properties.

I drove past the site a couple of times on Valley Lane and I see kids riding bikes everyday. I just question that location. But again, I want to go ahead and say that I do fully support Shelter, the mission that they have, the need that they have, and I'd like to see them stay in Arlington Heights, but I'd like to see them find a different location. That's all I have, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, who would like to go next? Bruce?

COMMISSIONER GREEN: I'll go next. Yes, I just would like to build on that a little bit. Just a question for Shelter. How often, let me just back up a little bit. You have 553 calls in a 10-year period, and that's relating to six people. Okay, there's a maximum of six people there in the house at one time. My question is how often do the individuals change? How often does somebody leave and a new guy shows up to fill his place?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: So, every resident is there for two years, but leaving and coming is kind of staggered. So, we could have the same six people for a year, a little bit over a year, and then whenever the person is ready to leave, which for us works better because if you were to take all six out and all new six in, that's more difficult. When someone comes in and the house is stable, that's a good support for the youth that's coming in.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: I understand the procedure. I'm just trying to

understand the individuals who might be causing the problems. So, if you have an individual, you say that was there and had 27 calls in whatever the time period was, he was asked to leave. So, the next person comes in and he could be there for three months, and then somebody else leaves and then the numbers go up. In other words, to say that your numbers are somehow trending down, I don't see them going down. But if you say that in a short time, the individuals who might be causing those numbers to go down would be replaced by somebody who might cause those numbers to go up.

So, I don't see this as a long-term stability thing in any stretch of the imagination. It just can't be. So, you might be in a trend now that looks good for what you're trying to do, but a year from now or six months from now or one month from now, it may be totally different. I think, Lynn, that was what I was picking up from your conversation about your questions.

But anyway, with that being said, there seems to be a dismissal about it is for curfew and it's no big deal. If these residents do not have a car and they're not back in their bed at 1:00 o'clock in the morning, where are they and how do they move around in the suburbs? How do they do it?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: So, they're most likely at a friend's house. Again, one of the comments was from a community member, you know, I want to know if 214 knows about this. Our kids are part of 214, they go to school there and they're also part of 211. Again, they're kids that may live, you know, would interact with your kid already and --

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Okay, let me stop you because I'm getting these answers that, well, they're probably here and they're probably there. Do any of the residents show up at 2:00 o'clock in the morning after hanging out?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: And come home at 2:00? Sure.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes. So, how do they get home? I assume they walk?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: No, they probably take Uber considering we provide a $110 transportation stipend every month.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Okay, that's a nice answer, but I just, I'm sorry, I can't just believe those answers that always they're so good and that's always how it happens. I'm sorry, I can't, because I can't see young people, you know, wasting their money when they could maybe walk home. But whatever.

So, I have a real concern with this police stuff. I think this is, it doesn't speak well for the neighborhood where you're trying to put this house. I think these individuals need this training, they do need it. But I don't think it should be at the risk of these established neighborhoods, and I agree with these people. You can have this somewhere else and it would be wonderful. Where you have it now, divided by a six-lane highway, it has a way of isolating yet, you know, keeping it functioning but not mixing it directly with 20 feet separation from an established neighborhood.

So, I agree with the people in the neighborhood that this is a good project, just not here. That's all I have to say, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, George, I think you're the only one left? Oh, Joe. Joe and George are left, yes.

George, you want to go?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Age before beauty.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: I'll go first. We'll save the best for last, George.

COMMISSIONER DROST: All right.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Wait, that would be me. I get to go last.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Okay, you're the best. So, on the positive side, wonderful program. I think it's a great program, what you're doing. As Mrs. Gillespie said, I also live in the Heritage Park as does Jay, and I actually knew the family, my kids went to school with their kid who owns that property. I've been in their store and I never even realized what the home was used for. So, as far as trouble goes, we never knew anything about it, at least I didn't.

But Jay is right, Golf Road separating that from the neighborhood was a big dividing point. Every time affordable housing comes up or residents home for handicaps, adults who need assistance, sometimes these people are villainized and they're really not as bad as maybe some people think. But I perfectly understand if you've got kids, you're going to be as careful as possible.

As the residents have said, many of the supporters and most of the supporters don't live in the area, and we're actually asking the residents of the area to, it's a wonderful program but we're asking the residents in the area to take the burden of having this home in their area and I can understand the concerns. Those are my comments.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, my comments, I just have two questions. One is if we've got, do we have events there, I'm going to ask that of Carina, where people would be visiting some of the residents? Are there any such type of programs or events within the program?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. No, we don't allow our residents to have visitors.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Okay, so it's pretty well, they're all pretty well sequestered. Then what about in sort of your backyard, the Chase bank, if there's a need for automobile parking, if there's snow and stuff, are there some arrangements or feelers that have been made to the neighbor, the commercial neighbor?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Not at this time just because it's such once in a blue moon that our youth would even have a car, but it is something that we can ask if it were to come up.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, well, and sort of my closing comment is this, is that this is a tough call, you know. There's a lot of forces that are kind of pulling at yes-no, yes-no, and it's not one of those, oh, this is a 100 percent program. But I'm going to go based on my experience, and I've had a couple of decades of experience with a family and social services agency called UCAN, and one of the ways that we transitioned our residents is to have these homes and living arrangements in neighborhoods to help make better citizens. Again, you know, from a programmatic point of view, these are so helpful in learning like skills.

From my personal perspective, I live in a neighborhood in the downtown area where we've got homes, subsidized homes for people that have had troubled existences, mental health issues, disabilities, and they have integrated fairly well into the downtown area. As we all are frightened by change, sometimes we have to embrace it because we're part of a civil society, and one of the things that we want to do is really uplift the people that might not have opportunities or chances. So, from that standpoint, both from a professional

standpoint of having had exposure to these types of circumstances, in-living associations and having residents, not necessarily youthful but adult residents that need to be supported by the community, I would be in favor of the program.

Also, I think, you know, from a statistical or demographic sense, we've had in-living arrangements, I believe Clearbrook and some of our other agencies, have done well, and there's probably data there that can tell us whether or not property values impact. One of the chief concerns, I would be concerned, I don't want to lose value in my home. So, I think there's more data that might be assembled or collected.

Then just looking at management, and I think really the key here is who is running the show. So, you look at your history as opposed to a newbie, that there is experience here. I'm sure that you're developing technologies that will make it even better for filtering and screening those people that are deserving to come into a community and basically get the benefits that they've been denied.

So, that's the comment.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, so before I get into my questions, my specific questions, I want to make sure we've addressed the public questions that did not get addressed yet. One of the questions was, and this is for you, Sam, how did we choose which e-mails are read into the record?

MR. HUBBARD: Great question. So, all of the e-mails that I received prior to this project going online on our website on the agenda for the Plan Commission were printed out and were attached and put online as part of that record for the Plan Commission. So, if you had e-mailed me prior to Friday afternoon of last week, your comment was transmitted to the Plan Commission online, just not read aloud at this meeting. Once the agenda went live, there was a section that said if you e-mail the Village by this date with these many words, your e-mail will be shared at the meeting. So, all e-mails received after Friday afternoon of last week, between then and I think it was like 3:00 p.m. this afternoon, those were read into the record this evening.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, so just to jump on that a little bit, just to clarify for anyone who is in the audience, we receive, the Commissioners receive the whole packet. We received all those. They didn't need to be read into the record because they already were in the record. These needed to be added into the record which is why they needed to be read. So, anything that was in our packet we've read and we've received.

Okay, now there was a question, this one is for Shelter, that was what would make someone disqualified from living in the home? The resident listed a bunch of questions that I believe came from one of your forms?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, could you answer that?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure, that's a great question. So, any of the things that she had listed, so a registered sex offender, someone who had a severe criminal history, physical aggression, those are all things that would filter out the youth and they would not be suitable for our program. The youth who are coming, again, are voluntarily coming, do not have a criminal history, do not have any sexual offenses, do not have extensive histories with physical aggression or fire setting or any of that. They're also kids from our neighborhood we have, you know, from Lake Forest and Palatine, and we look at wanting to make sure that

they're in a community that they're either from or that represents, is very similar to where they came from.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, thanks. Just maybe the other Commissioners heard this, but I just want to make sure it's clear that you implemented new screening tools in 2020, right? So, when people say, well, it could go back up, yes, yes, I'm not saying it couldn't, but it was 2020 when these new screening tools went into place and it seems as if there have been zero calls related to any residents that came in after the new screening tools were in place?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Correct, and all six residents have never had any contact with the police.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, I do think that, in my mind, that's a huge difference. You have a new screening tool and it explains to you that new information, and ever since that went into place which has been over a year now I would assume, no calls, no violations, okay.

There was another comment made about, oh, these cop cars were going to show up constantly. But to clarify, a number of the calls that you were making did not result in police officers showing up, is that correct? Can you clarify when a police officer might show up at the home?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure, correct. So, no matter what the call is for, if it's for a missed curfew or if it's for, you know, assistance that we might need, an ambulance ride or whatever, no matter what we'd have to call 9-1-1. So, when that call gets routed, if it's a curfew violation, we then talk to the Police Department on the phone, provide them the information, they provide us the information that we need on our end, and no, they do not come out.

There have been times in the past where they may come out on their own without us even calling at all just to say like, hey, we're here, is everything okay, do you need anything from us. That's also documented as parts of the calls. Or if we had, you know, we had a youth previously who needed more assistance with getting treatment and they would then assist with an ambulance ride. So, that would be a reason as to why they would come out.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay. All right, thanks, that helps clarify that. Before I get started in more of my comments, can we please extend? Because there's no way that we're going to be done.

Can I have a motion to extend?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I'll make that motion.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I'll second it.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Thanks, how long is the motion for? How long are we going for?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Until midnight.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I'll second that.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Can we have a roll call vote?

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes.

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COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Green.
COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.
COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.
COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson.
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost. George? Commissioner Drost?
COMMISSIONER JENSEN: You're muted.
COMMISSIONER DROST: Aye.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.
COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, who's shocked that I'm going to get on my soapbox right now? Anyone? No?
COMMISSIONER JENSEN: No. I've heard you speak, Sue, and I agree with it.
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: So, it's late, we've got to make a little levity. So, okay, so there's a couple of things that I want to say in advance before my big old soapbox, which is I completely disagree, I do not think an 18-year-old kid cares about Golf Road. I think maybe people are remembering what it was like to be 18. I have a 17-year-old in my house and a 15-year-old in my house, these highways mean nothing to them. If you want to go mess with somebody, running across Golf Road is not a problem, okay. To me, the most important thing in my mind was the distance to a school.

Many people said, well, there's children and there's a school. I just wanted, so that was my point. Same distance to Juliette Low which, I know you guys want to talk about Surrey Ridge, I went to Juliette Low Elementary School, okay. So, I know that area and my brother worked at Animal Feeds & Needs for like, I don't even know, 10 years or something like that. So, I know this house, I know Juliette Low, I know this area, and I've crossed Golf Road, it's not, people do it, kids do it, okay.

So, to me, it is different, yes, it's not plunked in the middle of a residential neighborhood. But I have a different perspective in that any time I've driven past the house, which I did know was a shelter house, I've actually been inside the house while there were residents there because I worked with a charity organization that I started with some other community members, we supported Shelter one year, we went into the house, we cleaned the house. Some of the residents were there, they were perfectly nice kids. There was no problems, we went in, we helped them. We put in flower beds, we put in their, I don't know if it's still there but a basketball net, and cleaning the house.

The one thing that always hit me any time I went by that house was those four kids must feel like they're not part of this community because they're stuck in the middle of nowhere, like we would just plunk them out as far away from the Arlington Heights residents because they don't belong here. That has always, before this evening came up, has always been my feeling about that location. I've always thought to myself, those kids should be in a residential community so they're embraced by this community and they get that opportunity

to be in that community.

No, I do not live in Ivy Hill. But believe me, if this was going next door to my house, I would be the first person in line to greet them when they walked in the door and I'd bring my kids over there, and I would love for my kids to have this exposure. In fact my daughter, one of her good friends in her class this past year was a foster kid and she had a twin sister. They were in foster care, and this is my daughter's friend. You know, I thought that was great. I was so glad that my daughter was learning about this different experience and that she befriended this girl even though they had such amazingly different backgrounds, and they stayed in touch. I just thought that that was beautiful and wonderful.

So, if you guys moved in next door to me, believe me, I would not have a problem with it at all. I don't understand where this concern is that kids coming home at 2:00 a.m. and walking by are suddenly going to be a criminal element. These are 17 to 21-year-olds. I guarantee you that once I was over 18, I did not come home at midnight, and I wouldn't walk home. So, because I grew up with two parents, the fact that I would walk home from my friend's house at 2:00 in the morning or ride my bike or do whatever is different? Before you guys say yes, it is, I believe that I wouldn't qualify for most of you because you guys also know that I'm a big supporter of mental health, and I speak out whenever residents come in and they talk about people with mental health.

We have people diagnosed in my family with mental health, and I was diagnosed with a mental health disability at age 12, and I've been in treatment my entire life. So, yes, mental health person here, walking home at 2:00 a.m., by a lot of neighbors where there's kids around, I was not breaking into people's homes and committing problems. These kids deserve a chance, not a second chance. I've heard second chance so many times. These kids never even got a chance in the first place. They deserve a chance; they deserve to be treated like human beings. They deserve for people don't just assume that they're criminals and garbage and should be isolated and kept away from the elite people of Arlington Heights, which is a lot of what I hear.

So, I'm really as always very troubled when I hear people talk this way. It makes me very frustrated and upset by my fellow residents that we can't give these kids the opportunities. I mean, the kids that spoke in the video, they seemed lovely. They seemed to be great kids, they just want a chance, and you're going to skip them in the middle of Timbuktu out of nowhere and make them feel further isolated and further removed and further like they're less than the rest of us. But if you put them in a residential community that could embrace them, I think that would make a world of difference to them.

So, I don't agree that residents should be able to vote on who does or does not come into their community. I mean, do we now suddenly, if someone wants to buy a house, do I put it out to a vote if they get to come in? Do they have to fill out a background check whether or not they can come in? Because I could buy a house right now and move 12 foster kids into it with no supervision, I could do that, and nothing would stop me. But this program actually puts so much in place for these kids, and I'm always a big proponent of reminding residents what can happen in your neighborhood without permission. So, I could easily move 12 kids into my house right now, foster kids. Can I do it? No, I don't have the time to raise 12 foster kids in the middle of raising my current three and run my business and all of the other things. But could I? Sure, I could. In fact, you don't even realize, but that was something I want to bring up.

Has anybody done a research of your neighborhood of how many sex offenders live in your neighborhood right now? Registered sex offenders? Because there's 33 within a three-mile radius, and 16 within a one-mile radius. So, I don't know why we're so worried about these kids, because I'm guessing nobody checked the number of registered sex offenders in the neighborhood before they bought their house, because people just forget to do that. But these 18-year-old kid who just wants a chance, who hasn't done anything wrong, who by the way has already been vetted and doesn't have this in their background, they can't come in? No, but the sex offender who already lives on the block isn't a problem for you.

So, yes, I am very disappointed. I do not believe that this is about traffic and parking and whether or not there is transportation at all. This is a "not in my backyard." It absolutely is, and that I can't agree with.

So, I'm absolutely in favor of this. I think it meets all the criteria. I disagree with Staff on that. I think we meet special use criteria here, and I hope that this gets passed. If it doesn't, I hope that they find a location to stay in Arlington Heights because it's important. It's something I have always been very proud of in our community.

So, that's where I'm at. Do we want to, we've all discussed, we've all given our opinions. Do we want to vote? Do we want a motion or do we want to talk more?

COMMISSIONER DROST: I can make the motion and then comments can come, but I think the motion that's been said --

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sounds good.

COMMISSIONER DROST: So, I'll make a motion.

A motion to recommend to the Village Board of Trustees <u>approval</u> of PC #21-015, a Special Use permit to allow a "Sheltered Care" home on the subject property, and the following variations:

1. **Variation to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code, Section 6.12-1(3), to waive the requirement for a traffic and parking study from a qualified professional engineer.**
2. **Variation to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code, Section 10.4, to reduce the required off-street parking spaces from 10 spaces to two spaces.**

This recommendation is subject to the following conditions:

1. **Capacity of the two units shall be a maximum of one individual per bedroom (maximum of six residents on the subject property with one in each bedroom) plus staff/counselors.**
2. **No less than one staff per six residents shall be present at the facility at all times, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, so adequate supervision can be provided between the two units.**
3. **All staff must be trained in CPI and think/trauma training (or substantially similar training) to be able to de-escalate conflict and provide appropriate care for residents.**
4. **The Petitioner shall establish and follow screening procedures which will allow them to identify and accept the most appropriate candidates for the program.**
5. **Operation of the facility shall occur in substantial compliance to the "Transitional Living Program Handbook," which shall be updated for review by staff prior to appearing at the Village Board.**

6. **The Petitioner shall work with the Police Department to establish appropriate on-site security, as applicable, and shall establish regular reporting of statistics and resident contact information if warranted.**
7. **Residents living on the subject property shall not be allowed to park cars on the subject property.**
8. **The Petitioner shall comply with all federal, state, and Village codes, regulations, and policies.**

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I'll second that.
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, put it to a roll call vote.
MR. HUBBARD: Was there any discussion or are we going to --
COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, there can.
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: I mean, yes, I think we can just go to a vote if no one has any discussion.
MR. HUBBARD: Sure. All right, we have first Commissioner Cherwin.
COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: No, with comment.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Green.
COMMISSIONER GREEN: No.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.
COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes, with comment.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.
COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: No, with comment.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.
COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: No, with comment.
MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson.
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost.
COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes.
COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.
MR. HUBBARD: So, that's a four-to-four vote, so the motion does not pass. So, someone could make an alternative motion, or this could proceed forward to the Village Board without any recommendation from the Plan Commission if no alternative motion is made and passed.
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: I don't know what everybody else thinks, but I don't see how there is an alternative motion that would have a different result.
COMMISSIONER GREEN: No, they tend to go to the other way. So, that's it, there's no recommendation.
MR. HUBBARD: So, yes, this project would move forward to the Village Board with no recommendation from the Plan Commission as it stands now.
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, so Shelter --
COMMISSIONER JENSEN: We've got comments. Comments?
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Oh, comments. Who had comments? I'm sorry. Jay had a comment.
COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes, I just had one. I mean, again, this

dichotomy comes up again where, you know, it's all about the, you know, not supporting mental health, not supporting, you know, I mean, I'm looking at this really like 12 people in one structure in a single-family neighborhood. I mean, I'd probably have the same, come to the same conclusion if it were, you know, a six-flat dropped into the middle of a bunch of houses, and it has nothing to do with Shelter. It's just, I mean, it just changes the nature of the neighborhood. It's not just, you know, maybe people struggling that there's 12 individuals living here in very tight quarters.

I do still think that it's very different. I know there was some talk about, you know, that they're currently kind of set out aside. But it doesn't seem like the current house is a big problem for them; otherwise, they wouldn't stay there. I think, you know, my point about Golf Road is like if this thing were going up on the other side of Arlington Heights Road, I wouldn't have a problem with it. I do think there's the physical features, that's why we have different zoning, you know, areas and different, you know, that are broken up by various physical features, and I think a roadway is one of them. So, I just want to be clear about that.

So, that's all. I just wanted to clarify that because I think I might not have clearly gotten that through.

MR. HUBBARD: Was there other folks that had public comments? I believe Commissioner --

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes, I had one, I have a few comments. So, I think this is a good project, just not where it's at. Susan, if you look for it in your neighborhood, that would be great. But if the people in this neighborhood were for it, I'd say yes, no doubt about it. But I don't think it's fair to ask the people in this neighborhood to take on this burden and these worries by changing the code for this one project.

I've voted for just about every affordable project, mental health facilities, for disabled adults that needed help, a hundred percent I always voted for that, but we never put that, we never change zoning and put it in the middle of a neighborhood. I go back to Mr. D's Restaurant over on Northwest Highway and Milwaukee, they were going to buy a residential property to expand their parking lot. The guy who designed it who did the landscaping for it was a friend of mine, but I voted against it because I didn't think it was fair for the person living next door, who was going to be living next to a parking lot. I just didn't think it was fair, but I think this is a wonderful program and I hope they succeed.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I had comments, too. I think it's probably appropriate that this is a tie vote and the measure failed with that kind of division. Obviously, if we had the full Commission, we would have had a little more clarity one way or the other. That would have been good for the Board.

But I think this is an issue that really is appropriate for the Board to make the decision, because I think it's a tough call. In thinking about this over the last several days, I have kind of oscillated back and forth on this position. But basically, I think that if you allow all neighborhoods to speak to any of this kind of projects, you would find “not in my backyard” looms very large, and I'm not supportive of that sentiment in general. But I think this is appropriate for the Board to make the call and they should take things into, you know, take everything into account that's been brought forward.

I would suggest a couple of things to the Petitioner. You may want to deal with one of the issues that you had had with some of your papers. You may talk

about scaling this thing. So, you said you wouldn't have any problems starting with six residents. It may be a very long time if ever that you would scale it up to 12, and you may want to consider bringing that before the Board.

The other is just a technical issue. I loved your presentation, but unfortunately you did it in edit mode rather than in slide show mode, so it was very disconcerting to have all that stuff over on the left-hand for some of us who have trouble with focus to begin with. So, you may want to move it to slide show mode when you do it to the Board.

But I think we came out probably in the right place, that this is a call that the Board should make. I think you've got an opportunity as the Petitioner to fashion a little bit different thing that you bring forward to the Board. Probably if you bring this forward to the Board, it probably is not going to do any better than here with the Plan Commission. So, you may want to think what re-fashioning you wan to do of your petition.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Were there any other comments?

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes. My comment was again, I want to emphasize, I'm very supportive of the mission of Shelter. I just don't think this is the right location. Again, I'm concerned with all the previous history of the police calls and so forth, and again, listening to all the public comments. Almost universally, everybody that was in favor of this lived in a farther neighborhood; they weren't anywhere near this particular Valley Lane location. The people that were against it of course were in this residential neighborhood immediately adjacent to this property. So, we've got to kind of give that some consideration, I mean, if that's not worthy.

But again, I voted no because I didn't feel this is the right location. I would like to see them stay in Arlington Heights. I believe in their mission, very supportive of them. But they've got to find a better location. Thank you.

MR. HUBBARD: Chair Dawson, our Village Attorney has his hand raised. I don't know if you'd like to call on him for comment?

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sure, yes. Do you have a comment?

MR. PASSMAN: Thank you. Good evening, Madam Chair and members of the Commission. Thank you, I've listened to this very good discussion by the board and the public.

I wanted to point out, in light of the four-to-four vote, what our Zoning Code says about your role here for a special use variation. As Mr. Hubbard indicated, the four-to-four vote means that the motion didn't pass. The code states that after a hearing on a special use permit variation, the Plan Commission has 30 days after this hearing to make a recommendation to the Village Board. It's correct that if you do nothing else on this matter, then it will ultimately travel to the Village Board with no recommendation because you will not have a vote that passes; however, I say that to point out you actually have a couple of options here.

Someone else noted that you don't have all nine of you here. We do have a member missing. One option you have is to continue the public hearing. I'm not suggesting that you have another night as long as this one, but it is a legal option that will both allow for the reception of more evidence if that might be helpful. I don't know whether that will be useful to the one missing member.

You don't have to continue the hearing. If you do not continue the

hearing tonight, your 30-day clock will start from now. In fact, in the absence of doing anything else, you can vote at a subsequent meeting in that 30 days to make a recommendation. Whether that's a new vote of this group, whether that's a new vote of this group and your ninth member, that all remains contemplated by the code. The catch with that option of course is that if you don't continue the hearing, you can only vote on what's been presented to you, you can't accept new evidence either from the Applicant or from the public.

The vote option, really those are the same two options. The third option is married to the second which is you don't do anything tonight and you don't take further action on this. Then in 30 days, the failure to make a recommendation will be transmitted to the Board.

So, I wanted to lay that out there to explain what your legal paths are at this point given the vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, that's very helpful. So, if we do nothing, then it can't go to Village Board for 30 days?

MR. PASSMAN: Correct.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: But can they even schedule it? I mean, do we have to wait 30 days and then they get put on an agenda? Because I just don't know how much time Shelter has.

MR. PASSMAN: I'm sure, you know, we'll work with the Community Development Department on scheduling it. The reason I, I don't mean to, you know, put a stumbling block in front of anybody, but you retain the right under the code to vote within the 30-day period. So, any time between now and October 22nd, you can convene, there's all sorts of things you could do to issue a vote or try again. So, it would be premature to bring this to the Village Board before you either have a motion that passed, whether it's in favor or against the proposal, or the 30 days lapses.

But, yes, we could schedule this for, I guess it would probably be for a November meeting in anticipation of a lack of a vote if that's where you end up going.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: So, let me, can I ask Shelter? What's your timeframe here? It appears that if we do nothing at this time, we're looking at not getting you on to a Village Board agenda until November. You're on mute.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes, sorry.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: You're muted, Shelter.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sorry, we're just --

MR. STOMPER: Sorry, we're just discussing. I don't know if we have a preference. I think, you know, whatever the Plan Commission thinks is best. Honestly, I don't know if there'd be any new evidence that would, you know, I think everyone has had their say. So, I don't know if when the ninth member comes back, if you reconvene and do a vote then, because I wasn't sure if I understood that. Can they just, at the next meeting, call a vote again on this? That's the one thing I couldn't understand was how that worked.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: It sounds like we could.

MR. STOMPER: Could the ninth member like review this, listen to this recording and then, you know, I don't know. I don't know what's the easiest way for you guys to do this.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Well, my question is are you in a rush? I

mean, do you need this --

COMMISSIONER ENNES: When do you have to be out of the existing building?

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Sure. So, we don't know. That's all up in the air.

MR. STOMPER: Once they find a buyer.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: So, likely you do have some time, because if you needed this to go, we can re-vote, I'll vote no for you just so we can get you on the agenda. Do you know what I mean?

MR. STOMPER: Yes. No, I think we can wait.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: We're just advising you.

MR. STOMPER: I understand. Susan, thank you, I understand. I think we can wait and, you know, it would be great to get the ninth person's, you know, view.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: You know, I don't know that that, I mean, when's our next meeting? The 13th, and I don't know what that would look like. We have to put it on the agenda, we have to do notice, do we have to, I don't know what that looks like.

MR. PASSMAN: I guess, and I imagine Sam's input also, if you do not continue the hearing, and you don't have to continue the hearing, there is no special notice that would be required to place it on the agenda. It would follow the normal rules, 48 hours to post it on the agenda under the Open Meetings Act. Any notice beyond that would be beyond what's required by law.

So, I mean, I don't want anyone to accuse, I'm not suggesting you have to do any of these, but I just, I wanted you to know your options to go forward.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Sure. No, I think that's great. I mean, yes, Lynn, you have a --

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: No, I wouldn't be in favor of re-opening the public hearing. I think we've heard everything that could be said on all sides of this thing. But I would have no problem with bringing it up for a vote when we have the full Commission, because I think there's some value on that. It would certainly give some clarity, we would either have five noes or we would have five yeses.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: I would also just caution, we'd all have to be there. I wouldn't want us to call it for a vote because Commissioner Warskow is there but two of the yes votes aren't there, or two of the no votes aren't there, and now we get a recommendation. Does that make sense? Is that what you're saying, Lynn?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: If we're all there.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I'm saying we need to do it when we would have the full Commission. I wouldn't open up the public discussion again, because I don't think there's real value in that. But you're right, we would want to have the full Commission there, and I don't know if we're at a point where we can say that would be the case. I mean, Sam could certainly do some canvassing or whatever, however you want to do it. But I think it would be good to get rid of some of the ambiguity and give the Board a yea or a nay from the Commission.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes. Here's sort of my take on it. I think it's

really positioned perfectly, as long as there is not a time crunch on the part of Shelter, because it's four to four without a recommendation. If you got a four to five yes or no, I don't know if it's going to change the votes of the Trustees. So, basically, it's teed up, we've pushed it, you know, to the Trustees. Then the residents and the supporters, the people that have concerns will be able to articulate better their positions and it will just be right for a vote by the Trustees.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes, I agree with George. An eight to one yes or no would give them some direction from us, but a five to four either way I don't think is going to matter much to them what we say.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes. Okay, so it sounds like we're in agreement, we're going to close the public portion. Thank you, that was very helpful though. That really is a very helpful clarification. I did not know those options, so that's appreciated.

MR. PASSMAN: Glad to help.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: So, to Shelter, Inc., we are just a recommending body, and to any of the neighbors that are still on the, the residents that are still on the call, whether it had passed or it had failed, we just are simply a recommending body. The Village may agree with us, they may not. Our purview, what we look at is very, very small compared to what the Village Board looks at. They look at different things, they have different criteria, so it's a different analysis. So, you know, it will go to them.

My only question or comment, Shelter, you mentioned you're going to have some of these kids at the Village Board meeting. You know, you know better than I do, but I'm just really worried based on some of these comments about these kids hearing some of those comments.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes, we would only bring past residents who have graduated to show the success of it. That's the reason why we did the videos, because we did not think it was appropriate for the young people to hear some of these comments.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: I would not want them to be subjected to that, and I think that that would just reinforce a lot of the things that they've gone through already.

So, okay, so with that, I think we don't have any other agenda items, is that correct?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Now, for clarification, would this go then, are we ready for this to be closed up to the point where it would go to the Board as early as possible? Or would it still go to the November Board?

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: It can't go for 30 days, unless we vote next time.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: So, there's no action we can take that would, I mean, it doesn't sound like there's a need to. So, it will be the 30 days and it will be the November Board --

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: It sounds like, and I think the attorney can clarify this for us, but it sounds like if all nine of us are at the next meeting and we want to vote on it, we can?

MR. PASSMAN: Precisely.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Okay, we don't have to make that decision today. If we're not all nine at the next meeting, I would not be in favor of us voting again

because I don't know that that would be fair to the person who wasn't there to make it look like the board voted in favor or against, you know, without the full board present.

So, we'll see how it goes. But, yes, thanks for that clarification.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Would our missing Commissioner have access to the whole documentary?

MR. HUBBARD: I'm sorry, was that a question?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Will the transcript be available to Mary Jo before the next meeting is what I think you're asking, right, Terry?

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes, that's what I thought I asked. But thanks, Lynn, it's late, right?

MR. PASSMAN: I imagine certainly the video will be available if not the transcript.

MR. HUBBARD: Yes, the minutes should definitely be done by our next Plan Commission regular meeting on the 13th of October.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: I'm just wondering why Mary Jo would want them. I'd like to make a motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I second it.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: How about a roll call vote here?

MR. HUBBARD: Trustee Drost.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Aye.

MR. HUBBARD: Trustee Ennes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes, with comment.

MR. HUBBARD: Trustee Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Trustee Green.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: I'm sorry, Trustee. Commissioner Jensen.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes. Yes, without comment.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Lorenzini.

COMMISSIONER LORENZINI: Yes. I'm glad to see we're all still smiling.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: And Chair Dawson.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Yes, and I was going to make a comment as a joke, but Terry's already done it.

So, Terry, what's your comment?

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I just want Shelter to know that we're all in favor of what you do in your project. I think you got that from all of our comments. It will depend on whether Mary Jo wants to listen to four-and-a-half hours, I believe it's 11:50, but four-and-a-half hours of recording.

MR. STOMPER: No, we thank you.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Thank you all very much.

MR. STOMPER: Yes, we thank you for your time and the comments and everything.

MS. HOMANN SANTA MARIA: Yes.

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MR. STOMPER: So, we really do appreciate the detail that you guys have gone through here.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Well, good luck.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: Well, my comment was going to be until you're eight months pregnant and at one of these meetings at Village Hall until 1:00 in the morning, none of you get to complain.

MR. STOMPER: Take care.

CHAIRPERSON DAWSON: All right, bye everybody, good night.

MR. HUBBARD: Thanks all. Good evening.

(Whereupon, at 11:56 p.m., the public hearing on the above-mentioned petition was adjourned.)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLAN COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2021, AT 7:30 P.M. to consider Petition No. 21-015, a request for a Special Use Permit to allow a "Sheltered Care" home on the subject property, a Variation to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code, Section 6.12-1(3), to waive the requirement for a traffic and parking study from a qualified professional engineer, and for a Variation to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code, Section 10.4, to reduce the required off-street parking spaces from 10 spaces to 2 spaces, and any Variations from Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code as determined necessary by the Plan Commission, all on the subject property located at 207-209 East Valley Lane, in Arlington Heights, IL. Pursuant to orders issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this Plan Commission hearing is being held via Zoom Meeting, which permits the public to fully participate in the virtual Plan Commission hearing via Zoom or their phones. Details on how to access and participate in this online virtual hearing will be available at www.vah.com no later than September 17, 2021. Individuals who wish to comment or ask a question on an item on the Agenda may participate via Zoom, or send an email to the Village at shubbard@vah.com. Please limit emails to 200 words or less. To be shared at the hearing, the email must be received by 2:00 p.m. on September 22, 2021. The legal description for the subject property is as follows:

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I, Carina H. Santa Maria, Executive Director, Shelter, Inc., hereby certify as follows:

1. That on the 3rd day of September, 2021, affiant caused to be mailed in the Post Office of Arlington Hts., copies of the attached Notice of Public Hearing to all listed tax payers of real estate within 250 feet, excluding all Public Right-of-Ways of the subject property and to the owners, or representatives, of property listed as exempt, and to all Condominium Associations whose property is within 250 feet of the subject site for which the hearing is being held.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a petition has been filed with the Village of Arlington Heights for:

A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A SHELTER CARE HOME ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, AND VARIATIONS TO CHAPTER 28 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE.

The subject property is located at 207-209 East Valley Lane, in Arlington Heights, IL.

The beneficial owner of the subject property is: Shelter, Inc.

A Plan Commission public hearing on this petition will take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. Pursuant to orders issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this Plan Commission hearing is being held via Zoom Meeting, which permits the public to fully participate in the virtual hearing via Zoom. Individuals who wish to comment or ask a question on an item on the Agenda may either participate via Zoom or send an email to the Village at shubbard@vah.com. Please limit emails to 200 words or less. To be shared at the hearing, the email must be received by 2:00 p.m. on September 22nd. Specific details on how to access and participate in this online hearing will be available at www.vah.com no later than September 17, 2021.

Sincerely,

Carina H. Santa Maria, MSW, LCSW
Executive Director

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing for: SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A SHELTER CARE HOME, VARIATIONS FROM CHAPTER 28 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Hearing Location: THIS WILL BE A VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING. DETAILS ON HOW TO ACCESS AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS ONLINE VIRTUAL HEARING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT WWW.VAH.COM NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 17, 2021.

DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 **TIME: 7:30 pm**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & COMMENTS INVITED

For details call:
Carina Santa Maria
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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF

THE CONCEPTUAL PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PLAN COMMISSION
HELD AT VILLAGE HALL VIRTUALLY ON: June 9, 2021

Project Title: Shelter, Inc. SUP
Address: 207-209 E. Valley Lane
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Petitioner: Carina H. Santa Maria - Shelter, Inc.
Address: 1616 Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Requested Action:

1. Special Use Permit to allow a "Shelter Care Home" on the subject property.

Variations Required:

1. Variation to Chapter 28, Section 10.4, Schedule of Parking Requirements, to reduce the number of onsite parking spaces from 10 spaces to two spaces.

Attendees:

David Bea, Bea & VandenBerk Attorneys
Carina H. Santa Maria, Petitioner
Maria Brauer, Shelter Inc.
John Sigalos, Plan Commissioner
Bruce Green, Plan Commissioner
Jay Cherwin, Plan Commissioner
Lynn Jensen, Plan Commissioner
Sam Hubbard, Development Planner

Project Summary:

The petitioner appeared at the Conceptual Plan Review Committee on May 26, 2021 for a preliminary review of the project. The meeting was adjourned before discussion was complete on the proposal. Accordingly, the petitioner is appearing again before the Conceptual Plan Review Committee to complete discussion on the matter.

The petitioner has provided additional details on their program, which address many of the questions raised during the May 26 meeting. As a result of the discussion on May 26, the Police Department has provided additional detail into the calls for service generated by the existing Shelter Inc. location on Golf Road:

- Since beginning operation in 2012, there have been a total of 553 calls for service at the Shelter Inc. property on Golf Road. There are two types of calls for service: criminal and non-criminal. Criminal calls can range from residential burglaries, criminal damage to property, motor vehicle burglaries, battery, financial crimes, theft, etc. Non-criminal calls are suspicious person, vehicle, incident; fire/ambulance calls, well-being checks, traffic accidents, alarms, etc.
- There were 51 criminal related calls which included battery, domestic battery, assaults, theft, motor vehicle theft, disorderly conduct, alcohol & drug offenses, and criminal damage/trespass to property.
- There were a total of 391 runaway/missing adult/missing juvenile reports generated at the Golf Road location. Five of these calls for service were determined to be duplicate reports (reports that had already been documented).
- The remaining 105 calls were non-criminal in nature such as suspicious persons, incidents, and vehicles; traffic accidents, alarms, public service, well-being checks, unwanted subjects, ambulance calls, outside department assists, and domestic trouble (no arrests made) etc.

Meeting Discussion:

Commissioner Green stated that the Committee had not had a chance to finish discussion on the Shelter Inc. project from their last meeting and they were going to pick up where they left off at the end of the last meeting.

Mr. Hubbard explained that Commissioner Jensen and Commissioner Cherwin had made comments at the last meeting, but Commissioner Sigalos and Chair Green had yet to make their comments.

Commissioner Green said that he believed Commissioner Cherwin may have been cut short of finishing his comments at the last meeting and he asked if Commissioner Cherwin had anything additional to discuss.

Commissioner Cherwin said he had finished and was ready to move on to the next Commissioner.

Commissioner Sigalos said he is concerned with the location being in a residential neighborhood. He has concern with the children in the neighborhood and has read a lot of the public emails that have been sent in. There were concerns over the number of police calls, which averaged 53 calls in the last two years. Not all criminal, but it was still concerning. He was also concerned with parking.

Mr. Hubbard stated that Shelter Inc. has provided additional information on their program, which was posted online and made a part of the Conceptual Plan Review Committee record. Staff has communicated with the Police Department and has obtained specific information on the calls for service from the existing facility. There have been many emails received relative to this project and they have all been placed online as well.

Ms. Santa Maria stated that Shelter Inc. was founded by an Arlington Heights Police Officer. They have been in the community since 1975. Shelter Inc. is a transitional living program. The property at 207 East Valley Lane was chosen to expand their program and meet the needs of the community. It's a residential home, but not a Single-family home. Location is important as it's within walking distance to many jobs locally and residents would be able to walk to these locations. She explained that the youths at this location are supervised by staff which is on location for 24 hours a day and this includes over night shifts. Shelter Inc. is licensed by Illinois Department of Children & Family services, also accredited by the Counsel of Accreditation, which is a national organization. They meet all national and state laws. They are required to know where the residents are at every hour of the day. They are very involved in each residents' lives. Security cameras are installed throughout the entire property. Staff is trained for this program. There is a curfew at this facility. Police are involved if youth is not home by 1:00 AM. 391 of the calls for service over the last 10 years were relative to curfew violations. The program does not accept youth that have a record as a sex offender. This program is not a danger to the community; there will be consistent communication with the Arlington Heights Police Department. There has been communication with Chief Pecora about the programming and they have initiated their own clinical program. All the youths at the transitional living facility have a dedicated therapist and a case manager that they have access to 24 hours a day. They were recently picked as one of Northwestern Universities only THINK trauma agencies in the state, which means all of their staff have gone through very rigorous training to work with youths that have experienced trauma. They are highly trained in dealing with de-escalation tactics for when conflicts arise. She stated that out of the 69 emails received, it was apparent that there was more support for this program than opposition.

Mr. Bea added that with respect to the emails that were received from the community, specifically the ones that were negative, he mentioned several of them expressed concern that the location was close to Ivy School. He stated the location is actually four to five blocks from Ivy School. He said that any neighbor who thought that this location was one block away from the school was mistaken and he thought that this might have been some of the reason for their opposition. The location was a good compromise in that it was at the edge of the neighborhood. It was a good location for their facility in that it was not the most desirable location in the neighborhood. It was surrounded on both sides by two-family homes. Relative to parking, the facility would not provide parking for residents. While a resident could purchase a car, they could not park it at the home and typically they did not have the funds to purchase a vehicle. Over all the years that the facility has been in operation, only two residents have owned cars. If they have a car they need to figure out a place to park it since it cannot be parked on the property.

Commissioner Jensen asked where the residents would be coming from.

Ms. Santa Maria stated that the individuals are mostly from Arlington Heights and some from surrounding suburbs. The youths are enrolled in schools like Hersey, Rolling Meadows, and Fremd. Some of the youths are working at Cooper's Hawk, Jewel, and Staples. They are already in the community and many people may have already interacted with them and don't even know it.

Commissioner Jensen stated that 391 calls about runaways was a large number, but he was more concerned about the 51 criminal calls and 105 non-criminal incident calls over the last 10 years, which seemed to him like a high volume of calls. He asked about the nature of those calls.

Ms. Santa Maria stated that the calls are mostly internal calls related to issues between the youths in the home, for example one youth took five video games from another youth in the home. To address these types of things they have started their clinical program and updated their screening tools. From 2016 to today there have only been 74 calls. They have made necessary changes for the youths.

Commissioner Jensen stated that even 74 calls since 2016 for issues that couldn't be resolved by staff is still a concern. He would feel better if most of the issues could be resolved by staff and 74 calls seemed like a high volume. He asked about the number of staff.

Ms. Santa Maria responded that out of the 74 calls, many of them were for curfew violations. But still they want to reduce the call volume so that's why they have taken it upon themselves to be CPI trained in de-escalation techniques so that they can avoid calls to the police. Police involvement can be triggering and traumatic for their residents so they try to avoid police involvement.

Commissioner Jensen asked about the number of staff.

Ms. Santa Maria replied that there would always be one staff per unit. They stated "up to two" because they have a ratio that must be followed; one staff per six residents. If they only have six residents in the program they would only have one staff member present. They do not accept youths with severe mental health issues.

Commissioner Jensen said he went over the manual and it seemed overwhelming.

Commissioner Green said he is very concerned about this facility at this location. He mentioned the volume of police calls (53 criminal calls). If there is 24-hour supervision but still criminal calls, he viewed that as a breakdown in supervision. He stated that he needs to take in consideration what the neighborhood needs are and what is good for the surrounding residents.

Commissioner Sigalos asked about the youths in the program, are they there due to family issues and they have nowhere to go? He asked about the background on the youths.

Ms. Santa Maria stated that all the kids are in DCFS custody. They come from neglect, trauma, or some type of family issue where the parents were not able to take care of them. She asked to read in a letter:

Dear Mr. Hubbard,

My name is Christian Gajda, and I am an 18 year old youth currently placed at Shelter's Transitional Living Program. My younger brothers and I were placed in DCFS care in August 2020 due to both of my parent's substance abuse issues and abusive treatment to us. My brothers were placed in foster homes; however, it was challenging to find me a foster home that would accept me simply because of my age. I was placed at Shelter's emergency shelter while my caseworker continued to search for a permanent placement for me. I was recommended for a TLP, and Shelter's TLP interviewed and accepted me. I moved into the TLP on February 24, 2021.

I was raised in Lake Forest, IL and previously attended Lake Forest High School. I add that information because many people want to believe that DCFS youth all come from "inner city Chicago", however, I am far from it. In fact, the other five youth in our TLP did not come from Chicago either. We all came from the suburbs, and none of us have a "street mentality". With Shelter's TLP being in Arlington Heights, we can live in a setting that we have all been familiar with and feel safe. We can attend good schools and receive a good education. We can get good jobs where we can learn to save and budget our money appropriately. The Shelter staff are very involved with each of us here, and they teach us how to cook, clean, make medical appointments, take care of ourselves, apply for jobs, create resumes, and open bank accounts. We are responsible for chores in the home and making sure we keep our bedrooms clean. I have a caseworker here that is very involved with me and the other kids. She is in constant contact with our schools, monitors our employment, and holds staffing's with us to set our short-term goals in order to work towards our long-term goal of independence. I have a therapist that meets with me weekly, and she holds therapeutic groups every other week with all of us. There is staff available to us and supervising the home 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If someone were to ask me what it means to be at Shelter's TLP, I would have to say that it means so much to me to have people believe in me and help me to become independent since my parents are not there to help me with this. I am not a bad kid. I am a kid whose parents aren't there for me now to teach me and help me with what I need to know.

Commissioner Sigalos said that he understands the kids are coming to this shelter due to a difficult home life and not because they are troubled kids.

Ms. Santa Maria reiterated that the kids are coming to the shelter for help. She knows that this program can change people's lives. They need help from the community and help from Shelter Inc.

Commissioner Green acknowledged the points from Ms. Santa Maria. He wanted to hear what the neighbors had to say as he felt that there are two sides to every argument. The facility will affect the neighbor's lives in a very hard way. This is something that needs to be worked out. He said while the facility may provide good services, it can have a negative impact in other ways. As a homeowner, he would hate to think that his neighbor is making 53 police calls a year. He said he's lived at his home over 35 years and never has had one police call. It's a different way of life and may or may not fit in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Cherwin stated he thought that Shelter Inc. was a good organization and they were tasked with a difficult job. The number of police calls were just part of what this type of facility entailed; it did not mean that Shelter Inc. was a bad operator. He supported the mission of Shelter Inc. but questioned whether the subject property was an appropriate location for their use. The charge of the Plan Commission was to look at the specific characteristics of the facility relative to the specific characteristics of the location in which it was proposed. He felt that the number of police calls would be disruptive to the surrounding neighbors, regardless of whether the nature of the calls were more serious or more innocuous. He did not believe the proposal would meet the requirements for special use permit or for variation approval, although he was open to new evidence provided at the public hearing or a different perspective provided by the surrounding neighborhood. He was not convinced that the subject property was the right spot for the proposed facility, regardless of how important the mission of Shelter Inc. was.

Commissioner Green agreed with Commissioner Cherwin. He clarified that it wasn't that he found the nature of the organization unnecessary, but that in the context of this location, he had concerns about the proposal.

Commissioner Jensen stated that he agreed with many of the points raised by Commissioner Cherwin and Commissioner Green. He asked if this location was not suitable, then what location would be suitable? If it was not suitable in the proposed residential area, then would the Village be saying that there was no residential area where this project could be feasible? Was the message that they should not be located in a primarily residential area? What location in Arlington Heights would be appropriate for this type of facility?

Commissioner Green recalled the Hearts Place project on Boeger Road, which was not a dense R-3 neighborhood. He

envisioned that a similar location might be suitable for a project like Shelter Inc.

Commissioner Cherwin added that the Boeger Road location was similar to the property where Shelter Inc. is currently located. He was not aware of substantial complaints about the current location, so he guessed that it was not as disruptive to surrounding neighbors. The current location was close to the shopping and amenities as desired by Shelter Inc, but did not have the same adverse effect of being detrimental to surrounding neighbors. He envisioned locations like that to be a good fit for this type of use.

Commissioner Sigalos pointed out that the Boeger Road facility, while not close to single-family homes, put a neighboring daycare out of business, so even though it wasn't in a single-family neighborhood it had an impact on surrounding properties.

Mr. Bea asked if the Commissioners had driven by the Valley Lane location. If they were to drive by the location, they would have a different sense of being right in the middle of a single-family neighborhood. The location was the second house in from a busy street and at the very edge of the neighborhood. He thought that the Plan Commission should think about what they were saying to young people if they were to place them off in a commercial area, rather than helping them to learn to live in a residential area.

Commissioner Green stated that he understood the mission of Shelter Inc., but also had to take into consideration the residents in the neighborhood who worked their entire lives to buy their houses. There were two sides to the argument.

Mr. Bea said that the Committee had stated the other side very well, and that Shelter Inc was there to present their side of things. He pointed out that this was a good compromise location in that it was at the edge of a residential neighborhood. Directly behind the subject property was a Chase Bank, which was a potential employer for the residents. He asked for an opportunity to address the specific conditions of approval.

Commissioner Green encouraged the committee to move forward with discussion of other projects that they needed to discuss that evening.

Mr. Bea asked that the record reflect that they met all criteria for approval and were prepared to explain how they met each criteria.

Commissioner Green asked if the committee needed to hear the explanation at the Conceptual Plan Review Committee level.

Commissioner Cherwin said that he didn't need to hear it right now, but that they would need to meet the criteria for approval at the Plan Commission or else the project wouldn't be approved. This was not the necessary venue to discuss the criteria for approval. He thought that Commissioner Green was trying to have sufficient time to discuss another project and also open up the floor for public comment.

Mr. Hubbard agreed that the individual criteria for special use approval will be deliberated at the Plan Commission and did not need to be discussed this evening. In an effort to move the Shelter Inc. project forward, he encouraged the committee to open up the next item for discussion and then open up for public comment.

Public Comment:

Mr. Moens asked why there would be discussion of the project after a decision had already been made. He was not sure why a discussion would need to occur, unless the project had to proceed to the Plan Commission regardless of the discussion outcome. Relative to the project, he felt that concerns on the location was a NIMBY cop-out. He encouraged the commission to step back and take a look at the whether the assumption of reduced property values high frequency of police calls was realistic. He believed that these were just suppositions. He asked that people analyze the proposal with an open mind and supported giving the petitioner a chance to establish their facility on the subject property.

Mr. Wichmann stated that he believed that facility should not refer to their residents as youths given that their ages would be between 17.5 and 21. He felt that these were adults. He said that many of the individuals who wrote in support of the proposal did not live in the Ivy Hill neighborhood. The facility was proposed in a residential neighborhood, not a commercial neighborhood, which was different from where their facility was located presently. He felt that Shelter Inc. had a documented the impact of the program to those that were part of the program, but did not address their impact to the surrounding neighborhood. He was supportive of the neighborhood meeting and hoped that it would be for the immediate neighbors of the proposed facility and not for people that didn't live in the vicinity of the project.

Mr. Marsillo said that he lived in the Ivy Hill neighborhood and was the parent of a child with special needed who still lived at home. He stated that the facility was not a group home. There were already group homes in the Ivy Hill neighborhood. The proposed facility did not include enough parking spaces and he worried about the impact on the neighborhood. He thought that Shelter Inc. should look into more of a dormitory setting that was situated in an institutional area not a residential neighborhood.

Recommendation

The Conceptual Plan Review Committee outlined their concerns with the project during the meeting discussion and said that they would review of the project should it advance to the Plan Commission.

Bruce Green, Chair
CONCEPTUAL PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE
Sam Hubbard, Recorder

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF

THE CONCEPTUAL PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PLAN COMMISSION

HELD AT VILLAGE HALL VIRTUALLY ON: May 26, 2021

Project Title: Shelter, Inc. SUP

Address: 207-209 E. Valley Lane
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Petitioner: Carina H. Santa Maria - Shelter, Inc.

Address: 1616 Arlington Heights Road,
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Requested Action:

1. Special Use Permit to allow a "Shelter Care Home" on the subject property.

Variations Required:

1. Variation to Chapter 28, Section 10.4, Schedule of Parking Requirements, to reduce the number of onsite parking spaces from 10 spaces to two spaces.

Attendees:

David Bea
Carina H. Santa Maria, Petitioner
John Sigalos, Plan Commissioner
Bruce Green, Plan Commissioner
Jay Cherwin, Plan Commissioner
Lynn Jensen, Plan Commissioner
Sam Hubbard, Development Planner

Project Summary:

The subject property is located along East Valley Lane and is 7,932 square feet in size and occupied by a two-story duplex that is currently partially vacant. The structure includes an attached two-car garage, plus sufficient space to park two additional cars (tandem style) within the driveway. The site borders a Chase bank to the south, duplexes on both the east and west sides, and is located across the street from single-family homes. At its intersection with Arlington Heights Road approximately 80' to the west of the subject property, East Valley Lane provides a full access under stop sign control at the westbound approach.

The petitioner, Shelter, Inc, would like to use the building for its Transitional Living Program (TLP), which provides a home for youths assigned male at birth, under guardianship by DCFS, and are between the ages of 17.5-21 and are aging out of the welfare system. The youths would spend two years in the program and would then receive resources and guidance to find permanent housing and secure job opportunities. While residing at the subject property, the youths would receive medical and dental care, clothing, and assistance with general living and social skills so they can be successful upon graduation.

The structure provides two units, one on each floor. Each unit contains three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen, and a living/common area. The two-car garage is shared between both units and at the rear of the garage is a separate laundry/storage room. Total capacity would be for 10 youths (five in each unit) with the possibility to increase to 12 youths total with additional staffing. Up to two staff members would be on-site 24 hours a day, seven days a week to monitor and provide support services to residents. A portion of the ground floor would be transitioned into office space for staff.

Meeting Discussion:

Ms. Santa Maria began by stating that Shelter, Inc. has been operating in Arlington Heights since 1975. One of the programs they offer is a Transitional Living Program. This program assists individuals aging out of the foster care system, providing them with housing for 2 years with life skills training, preparing them for independent living. Currently, the program is run out of a home at Golf Road and Arlington Heights Road, however that home is for sale so a new site is needed. Shelter, Inc. already has a contract on the subject property, with sale contingent upon receiving Village Board approval. The facility would be staffed 24/7, and all DCFS rules and regulations would be followed. Staff members are accredited by the Council on Accreditation, and licensed by DCFS. Residents in the program are required to be employed in the community, or be enrolled in school. Every year Shelter, Inc. serves 1,000 youth and their families in and around Arlington Heights.

Commissioner Green asked Mr. Hubbard to provide the Staff report.

Mr. Hubbard stated that the proposed us is classified as a "Shelter Care Home", which is only permitted in the R-6 Zoning District with a Special Use Permit. The subject site is zoned R-6. The petitioner must provide a written response to Special Use Permit justification criteria for Staff review. Staff has not yet formed an opinion on the project, and needs additional information on what the use will entail. The current home in Arlington Heights operated by Shelter, Inc. has been in use for 10 years, so they do have an established history in the community. Over the years, the Police Department has received a significant number of calls for service at the current home. Staff does have concerns given this history, as the new site is in a much different area than the current home, and Staff needs to adequately assess the impact on the neighborhood that this use would have. The petitioner should hold a neighborhood meeting if they elect to move forward, and Village Staff can assist with identifying properties that should be included in the meeting. The parking classification for this use would be a "Dormitory", and 10 spaces would be required. Only 2 garage spaces are provided, and as such a variation would be required. Information has been provided that residents rarely have cars, so that may be adequate justification for this variation.

Emails received were then read into the record. Mr. Hubbard reminded the audience that this meeting is informational, and no action will be taken tonight. The emails are as follows:

I am writing in regards to shelter-207-209 E Valley Lane. I strongly oppose this variance!! The neighborhood is full of children walking to school and playing outside. The grade school is a block away. Our children deserve the right to be kids and not have to be scared in their own neighborhood. They also don't need to see some of the behavior I have heard about in the golf road site. Based on the one on Golf road and the number of police calls, it just doesn't work in this family friendly neighborhood.

Thanks for you consideration.

Linda Brelsford

Dear Village planning committee,

It has come to our attention that a shelter is being considered on E Valley Lane in Arlington Heights. I live in this neighborhood and am very concerned since this would be located close to Ivy Hill School and in the path of many students walking to school. For this reason, please do not consider this location for the above referenced shelter.

Sincerely,

Laura and Jeff Heissel

Hello. I urge you to please not pass the zoning for a youth shelter on valley lane. First of all there are a lot of kids that live on valley and circle hill that go to ivy hill school. They walk to and from
School every day. I worry about having this shelter with the amount of calls to the police at the last location. I am worried for our neighborhood bringing in this tile of home. Please vote no and ask them to choose a location not so close to an elementary school.

Thank you,
Christy and Matt Goduto

Commissioner Jensen asked the petitioner to comment on the emails received, with respect to the mentions of activities and police calls at the Golf Road home.

Ms. Santa Maria stated that they are in a commercial area currently, so calls are primarily from Shelter, Inc. Most calls are related to mental health concerns, which pose no threat to the community. In order to better support residents, an in-house counseling program has been created, so each member has a therapist to meet with on a regular basis. Each member is also screened prior to admittance. Within the last few months, there have been no police calls. Police calls are also related to missing persons reports. Members are of an age to be able to come and go as they please, however if they do not return by midnight, per DCFS rules Shelter, Inc. is required to submit a missing persons report.

Commissioner Jensen asked to confirm that most of the police calls were from Shelter, Inc., and that changes have been implemented to reduce the number of calls, including the provision of mental health services.

Ms. Santa Maria confirmed Commissioner Jensen's statement. She added that partnerships have been formed so that if members need mental health medication, they will not have to wait on a list for a psychiatrist.

Commissioner Jensen asked if there were any incidents that would confirm the concerns in the emails related to children.

Ms. Santa Maria stated that there were no incidents to elicit this concern. She believes that those who wrote the letters do not have a complete understanding of the facility or its operation.

Commissioner Cherwin asked where the closest residence is to their current home.

Ms. Santa Maria stated that the closest residence currently is about one-quarter to one-half mile away.

Commissioner Cherwin stated that this new proposal, being in the middle of a residential area, is different than their current facility which is in a commercial area. While the proposal mentions "youth", as the ages of residents are 17 to 21 the individuals are more or less adults. He is concerned about parking, with 12 adults and only 2 spaces for cars. He is also concerned about the 53 police calls. This amount of activity could be a disturbance for a neighbor. He urged Village Staff to put together more detail on the nature of the 53 calls. The only way a Special Use Permit can be approved is if the proposal is not detrimental to those in the community, and that level of police activity could be detrimental.

Mr. Hubbard stated that the meeting had to conclude due to the scheduled Plan Commission meeting. As there was no time to open the meeting to public comment, the project will have to continue on June 9th.

RECOMMENDATION

The Conceptual Plan Review Committee did not provide a recommendation, and will continue the hearing of this proposal on June 9, 2021.

Bruce Green, Chair
CONCEPTUAL PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE
Jake Schmidt, Recorder

Special Use Criteria

Original: June 9, 2021
Updated: July 27, 2021

Shelter, Inc. is pleased to provide the following response to the Staff Development Committee (SDC) regarding its Transitional Living Program proposal at 207 – 209 East Valley Lane. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to working with you on this project.

1. That said special use is deemed necessary for the public convenience at this location.

Strong communities need access to vibrant, community-based institutions. Shelter, Inc. began in 1974 as a grassroots community initiative in Arlington Heights to provide temporary care for children who had been abused, neglected, or who required supervision due to a family emergency. The Transitional Living Program (TLP) that Shelter proposes to offer within the subject property, is vital service to the community that supports youths aged 17½ to 21 who are aging out of the welfare system. The young adults who are enrolled in the program are from Arlington Heights and surrounding suburbs and familiar with living in a suburban neighborhood.

Shelter contributes to the overall welfare of the local community by helping a vulnerable population transition to responsible adulthood. The subject location is ideal for this special use because it is within a residential area, and also directly adjacent to a numerous commercial establishments, including Chase Bank, that provide job opportunities for the residents within a short walking distance.

2. That such case will not, under any circumstances of the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety, morals or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity.

It is the opinion of the applicant that the special use will not, under any circumstances be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity.

The use will be largely unnoticed by the surrounding community as it is a residential use with minimal cars. The exterior of the building and the driveway will not be altered in any way. There will be no exterior signage. Typically, there will be two cars in the driveway, one belonging to each of the two staff members in the building. Typically residents do not have cars which is why it is important for them to have work opportunities within a reasonable walking distance. Residents who wish to own a car will not be allowed to park at the property and is responsible for finding appropriate off-site parking.

Each of the two units in the building will be staff-supervised, in three shifts, 24 hours per day to ensure the safety for the program residents as well as the surrounding community. The staff member will generally be in the kitchen or living room of the unit. The staff person may also use a small office desk which will be placed in the laundry room for administrative matters. There will always be one staff person in each unit of this two-

family structure. There will be two residents per bedroom in each unit. Compatibility of the roommates is considered in selecting which residents will room together.

An emergency information contact card will be kept on file with the Arlington Heights Police Department and it will be kept up to date. This will allow police to contact the agent during emergency situations or in the event of suspicious activity on the property.

Landscaping will include open sight lines to increase natural surveillance and to avoid creating any ambush locations or havens for vandalism, drug use, or underage drinking. The exterior of the building will be adequately illuminated to deter criminal activity and increase surveillance and visibility.

3. That the proposed use will comply with the regulations and conditions specified in this ordinance for such use, and with the stipulations and conditions made a part of the authorization granted by the Village Board of Trustees.

As a two-family residential building, bordering on commercial property, the property is well-suited for the requested special use and related variations. The program will comply with all of the regulations and conditions specified in this ordinance for such use, and with the stipulations and conditions made a part of the authorization granted by the Village Board of Trustees.

Home modification, house rules, vehicle ownership and supervision
At this time, Shelter, Inc. is not proposing any home modifications to this residence.

A Shelter staff member must be on-site and always awake. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) mandated that we have one staff person on-site for every six (6) residents, 24 hours a day. Therefore, if both units are occupied, there is a dedicated staff person for each unit. Additional staff is on-site as needed to provide other resources to the residents, i.e., counseling sessions, case management.

Shelter staff must conduct and document a check on all residents at least once an hour. This includes the overnight hours and bedroom checks. All monitoring must be recorded in daily logs and shift notes. These notes document which youth are present in the home, when a youth enters or leaves, and where they have gone. These notes are shared/emailed at the end of each shift to all TLP staff to ensure they are familiar with the activities and whereabouts of each youth.

Security cameras will be installed throughout the property.

Every TLP resident must receive, sign, and abide by the TLP Youth Handbook and Resident Contract forms, including the rules and regulations for the home.

Shelter, Inc. will hold a neighborhood meeting, inviting all those who are legally entitled to the notice, specifically within a 250ft radius of the home.

A floorplan of the layout of the residence has been provided. No modifications will be made to the current floorplan.

Thank you for your consideration. We are happy to supply you with any additional information and we look forward to working with you.

FIRST VARIATION – REDUCATION IN PARKING TO TWO SPACES
VARIATION CRITERIA

1. The proposed use will not alter the essential character of the locality and will be compatible with existing uses and zoning of nearby property.

The proposed use does not alter the essential character of the locality because a shelter care home is a residential use. The property consists of a two-family house, on the perimeter of a residential district, bordering on a Chase Bank and other commercial uses. Program residents can step out of the front door, turn left, walk a few feet to Arlington Heights Rd., and turn left to access these businesses, all of which may provide employment opportunities for the young men in the program. The requested variation is ideal in that it ensures no alterations to the exterior or driveway. There will be no external signage.

2. The plight of the owner is due to unique circumstances, which may include the length of time the subject property has been vacant as zoned.

The present owner has attempted to sell the property on an off since August 2018 with no success until the applicant's offer which is contingent on zoning approval. The property is undesirable as a residence because of its proximity to commercial development. However, this makes it very attractive to the applicant. This variation, to reduce the number of parking spaces from 10 to two, preserves the residential character of the property. Two spaces are sufficient for Shelter Inc.'s purposes because there are two staff persons in the building at a time. Residents who choose to own a car will not be allowed to park at the property. It will be the responsibility of the resident to find appropriate off-site parking.

3. The proposed variation is in harmony with the spirit and intent of this Chapter.
It is the intent of the Chapter includes promoting and protecting the public health, safety, morals, comfort and general welfare of the people. The proposed variation is in harmony with the spirit of the Chapter in that it provides the community with a needed service of a supervised transitional program that will help teens transition to responsible adulthood, and it maintains the residential character of the property.

4. The variance requested is the minimum variance necessary to allow reasonable use of the property.

The code requires 10 parking spaces for a Shelter Care Home use, however that would alter the character of the property. This particular use does not require 10 spaces, because two staff persons only require two parking spaces. Although we are not allowed to count tandem spaces, there are also two garage spaces that could accommodate a rare additional care for short durations. Shelter, Inc. does not allow residents to park cars at the property, so residents don't have cars. They don't need to have cars since they have numerous work opportunities within walking distance of the property.

SECOND VARIATION – WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS OF A TRAFFIC AND PARKING STUDY

VARIATION CRITERIA

1. The proposed use will not alter the essential character of the locality and will be compatible with existing uses and zoning of nearby property.

The proposed use does not alter the essential character of the locality because a shelter care home is a residential use. The property consists of a two-family building, on the perimeter of a residential district, bordering on a Chase Bank and other commercial uses. Program residents can step out of the front door, turn left, walk a few feet to Arlington Heights Rd., and turn left to access these businesses, all of which may provide employment opportunities for the young men in the program. The requested variation is appropriate because there will typically be only two cars parked on the premises – one for each staff member. The comings and goings to the property will be minimal with shift changes every eight hours. One staff member will work in each unit at all times. An additional car may be present for brief periods during the transition in shifts of staff persons or when a visitor is present at the property. Shift changes for each unit will be staggered at different times to minimize any parking issues. No alterations are needed to the exterior or driveway. There will be no external signage.

2. The plight of the owner is due to unique circumstances, which may include the length of time the subject property has been vacant as zoned.

The present owner has attempted to sell the property on an off since August 2018 with no success until the applicant's offer which is contingent on zoning approval. The property is undesirable as a residence because of its proximity to commercial development. However, this makes it very attractive to the applicant. The requested variation to waive the requirement for a traffic and parking study is appropriate because of the intended use which will not increase traffic or parking, and may in fact reduce it from that of typical families.

3. The proposed variation is in harmony with the spirit and intent of this Chapter.

Since the proposed use does not increase parking or traffic, it is in harmony with the spirit and intent of the zoning ordinance, which includes promoting and protecting the public health, safety, morals, comfort and general welfare of the people. The proposed variation is in harmony with the spirit of the Chapter in that it provides the community with a needed service and well-supervised transitional living program that will help teens transition to responsible adulthood. The proposed use maintains the residential character of the property.

4. The variance requested is the minimum variance necessary to allow reasonable use of the property.

Since the proposed use will have minimal parking requirements and will not generate traffic in excess of what would be expected from a two-family structure, it is appropriate to waive the requirements of parking and traffic studies.

Special Use Permit Request for 207 and 209 East Valley Lane
Notes from Neighborhood Meeting on 8/24/21

Invitations were distributed via USPS/First Class mail to all 208 residences within 700 feet of the property. Text messages were also sent to 2,000 cell phone users in the immediate neighborhood surrounding the property.

Approximately 50 people attended the meeting. Not all attendees agreed to provide their Name/Address on the sign in sheet – at least three people who did not sign in said they were direct neighbors during the Q&A session. For those who did sign, a copy of the sign in sheets are attached.

Informational Presentation Portion:

The meeting was held at WynBurg Café at 306 East Rand Rd. Meeting began at 7:00pm and lasted until approximately 9:00 pm.

Carina Santa Maria, Shelter's Executive Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation, informing attendees about the TLP.

During the presentation, two men got up and left after taking pictures. One additional man left after that at 7:10pm.

Q&A Portion:

Why, if [the TLP clients] are 17-21 years old, do you have a curfew? And have to call police if they are out after curfew?

DCFS requirements for the program. We call to file documentation.

What is the success rate?

Caitlin answers - it looks different for every person! Individualized goals.

Are they generally there until age 21?

They leave before they turn 21.

Average stay?

Average is 2 years.

Shelter Clinical staff explains more details about the program.

Why our neighborhood? Why are you bringing in these kids? Why my neighborhood?

The Transitional Living Program has been here in Arlington Heights since 2012. The young people in our program are already here, they are students in our schools, work at local businesses and restaurants, and you have probably interacted with them and didn't know it. They deserve to live here too, and they are already part of our community.

Person worried about bus stop. Why did you choose this location?

There is no reason for the bus stop to change. We will look into your concerns about the bus stop, but again the reason why this location was chosen is because the employment opportunities are within walking distance, and they will be able to keep their work commitments and appointments.

Arlington Heights resident Arlen Gould introduces himself as a School District 21 board member and introduces fellow D21 board member Debbie McAtee, who tells a real-life story in the community about a teenager she knows who was helped by Shelter. Arlen also introduces State Senator Ann Gillespie, who explains her knowledge of Shelter, Inc.

How many people here have lived in a neighborhood with a TLP?

4 people raised their hands.

These are duplexes that are going to house 6 men each, is that right?

6 young people.

So how many bedrooms are there?

There are 3 bedrooms in each.

So you have 6 bedrooms for 12 young men? Will there be just young men, or will it be mixed?

We are at this point, gender neutral. So we use the phrase Assigned Male At Birth (AMAB) but we know that, and we are LGBTQ friendly. And so there are youth that do come to us and we respect them and their gender identity, and we try to make them feel comfortable.

Do you know the square footage of each of these bedrooms?

I don't have that off the top of my head, but we do have that information. But the rooms are bigger, and they will have more bathrooms available to them. There is a bigger kitchen, living room, dining room, and they will have a recreation area.

Is that in the living room?

It is an additional space with a pool table, foosball table, just a space to hang out.

And where is that located?

That will be in the basement.

Can you tell me if there is someone there that is responsible for these children 24/7?

24 hours a day, fully staffed.

Where do they [the staff] sleep?

They do not sleep.

So they [the staff] don't have a bedroom?

No, they [staff] are in their space all the time. So even when the young people are sleeping, we go into their bedrooms and make sure that they are still there. We have cameras around the facility, we have alarms on the windows, so we know every move that they [clients] make.

Do they dispense medication in the home?

We have trained staff to dispense medication, no one has access to their own medication.

So some of these people are on medication?

Correct.

Can you talk a little bit about any restrictions that you put in place regarding cars?

So they have a two car garage and a driveway.

So are they allowed or not allowed to have any cars at all?

Yes they are allowed. But in the past 10 years only two of the youth had cars, and they were not allowed to park them on the property. They were responsible for finding their own parking. So there will be no additional parking needed.

But you don't know that, so you can't guarantee that that is going to happen.

We can guarantee what our rules are, and that is if they do own a car they are not allowed to park it on the property.

So that means they can park it on the street?

No, you can't park overnight on the street in Arlington Heights.

So you can call the police?

You can and they will issue a citation.

Concerned about area parking. Woman concerned there will be 12 cars.

Carina explains it's just like any other home in the neighborhood, someone else could own 12 cars if they wanted to but there is not overnight street parking.

Woman says that place wasn't built for 12 people, so we don't know.

Several other attendees try to explain the parking again, and how it is not an issue.

Extensive discussion regarding parking.

Carina says if you still have questions about parking you are welcome to email us later.

You are a homeless shelter?

No, there seems to be a misconception about this, we are not a homeless shelter, we are a child welfare agency.

Man says, What are the stats on your current home? I heard the crime rate went up exponentially, do you have statistics on this? Concern about number of police calls.

I'm here to tell you, I do have the statistics on this. I can tell you that our calls have gone down, 90% of our calls are curfew, they are not criminal calls.

But criminal statistics do go up.

Carina says, actually statistics show that is not true. There is no evidence to support that claim.

You said that the apartments have a higher rate of police calls. We already have renters [in the area], why would you put "this type of whatever" on top of all that?

Arlen replies: it's a good location. There's good opportunities and a good home environment. I live down the street and I have no fears.

Hi so I was reading on your website here that you are supported by townships [lists townships]. So obviously those are large communities, so why not consider duplexes in those communities?

Sure, because we have already been in Arlington Heights since 2012 and we don't want to have to move our kids. Shelter, Inc. was founded by an Arlington Heights police officer, our Arlington Heights roots are strong, and our community has always with open arms supported us and all the work that we do for children in our community, and we want to keep them here. They are already employed here, they already attend our schools, we want to keep them in our community.

You say you have been here since 2012, where are your statistics about success rates?

Success can be really hard to measure, because success looks different for every person. Success looks different for one person than it does for someone else. I can bring information and statistics to our next meeting. After a client leaves the program, they do not have to communicate with us anymore. Some people do, they update us on where they are, but we don't necessarily know where they are going.

But you should know where they were when they left you?

Right. We do have those statistics. But after that, they do not have to tell us where they go.

Gina our Clinical Director explains more – I can tell you that 100% of our youth leave our program into a stable placement. They do not go to a homeless shelter, they are not incarcerated, they go to somewhere with family, friends, or their own apartment. 100%!

If they leave the program, that means they fail right? So what about those? What about those that don't follow the rules? How is that handled?

In the last 2 years we have only had one youth who left the program, who ended up incarcerated. He was with us for less than 6 months.

Lady calling our clients pedophiles, saying it's unsafe. Says she doesn't have alarms on her windows.

Carina says we have alarms on our windows because safety is our number one priority, not only for the community but for the youth in the home.

If these kids were abused, how can you make sure that our kids are going to be safe?

I can tell you that the kids that are currently there [at the TLP] have not had a single incident of any type of police involvement at our house, ever. I can tell you that the kids that we have are good, that they attend schools in the area. Do they need mental health services, sure, but so does half of America. And we have the screening tools in place to make sure the next group of good kids has the chance to live there too. We have the screening tools there, we have the questions to make sure that the next youth is a fit for the program and wants to be there.

Woman says she doesn't understand why everyone is assuming these are bad kids, when the reason they are in that situation is because their family or caregiver was not there for them. I feel like everyone is assuming that these kids are bad, my son struggled with his mental health during COVID, and I was taking care of him the whole time. So if these kids are in this program and need help too, they have all the help they need at their fingertips. They are taking extra precautions to make sure that they are teaching these kids and helping them grow up to be good adults. Half the parents around here don't do that.

Woman says I have fostered these kinds of kids, proceeds to discuss her experiences.

Where are these kids from, are they from the inner city?

No, they are from the suburbs.

Christian is from Lake Forest, and again all of our kids are from the surrounding suburbs. Again, they are going to our schools. They are suburban children.

I have two questions, first, it looks like you were looking at this property since February, so you have been looking for a long time. So how is it that you have purchased this property already?

Sure, so as an agency we were able to do that.

So you don't feel that there is much of a risk in buying the property?

I am confident in the work that we do in the community, and I am confident in the support that we have in the community.

Which means you have 30-90 days to finalize, is that correct?

No.

What is correct?

The house has been purchased.

You say that you have only had the TLP since 2012, so what was the program before then?

The Transitional Living Program started in 2012. Before then, it was not a Transitional Living Program. It did not have the same structure, guidance, and support.

So all of your reports are dated through 2012, but you have had that property since 1997. What kind of program was that before? How do you compare police activity?

Prior to 2012, that program was not a TLP, it was an Older Adolescent Group Home. The program, structuring, and mental health services, and requirements were completely different. The OAGH program was not voluntary either. So the program has completely changed and in order to compare apples to apples we have to compare TLP to TLP.

If that is the case how can you compare police activity at the TLP to the Circle Hill Apartments?

What I can compare is criminal calls to non-criminal calls. So 90% of our calls are non-criminal calls, and Circle Hill has a significant amount of criminal calls. So they are different types of calls versus our curfew calls. The assumption also is that every time we call that they [police] are coming out to the property, when that is not the case. When we call them they document it and that's it, they aren't coming out to the property.

Questions about curfew protocol. What happens if they are out past curfew?

Our staff and caseworkers are notified immediately, and we try to figure out why. A lot of times it is because the youth were out at a friend's house and fell asleep, or their phone died because they didn't bring their charger.

How many times does this happen before they are kicked out of the program?

Well, it's not criminal, but we do notify DFCS. We monitor behavior and meet with the youth once a week to discuss expectations and goals.

How many staff per youth in the home?

1 staff member per 6 young people.

Asking about number of cars, how can you guarantee that they won't have cars?

Again, really no one in the program has cars, and I can't guarantee that they won't have cars but they won't be able to park on the property.

Asking about screening process.

The youth that are there do not have a criminal record. We screen all our youth for aggression and we do not accept youth who have a criminal background. We only accept youth who want to be there.

Concern about home prices, cited study in New York about loss in home value. How can you guarantee in two years home prices will be similar?

There is no signage, no one is going to know that this is a Transitional Living Program. What I can do is I can pull up local statistics about home prices. We do currently have a home in Palatine, in the middle of a neighborhood full of $500,000+ homes and there's never been an incident and no neighbor is concerned about their home price. In fact, when a developer came and asked to buy the house, neighbors said to us "please don't sell to the developer, we love your group home, we want to continue supporting." So that's what I can share, and I will follow up on the research about local home prices.

Neighbor of current TLP, Senator Ann Gillespie speaks: Says she didn't even know we were there all this time. Says she saw police come to their neighbors, and neighbors had way more police than she ever saw at our current TLP home. She never saw police at our current TLP and there was never a disturbance. She never saw more than two cars parked in the driveway. Says she never had any incidents or problem with property values.

Woman comments: She works in public schools in the area and comments that there is a lot of DCFS involvement. These kids are already here, and these are good kids from our neighborhood. These are kids just trying to have a good life. Help them out and be patient.

I can guarantee that our site will be staffed 24 hours a day, I can guarantee that there will be someone there all the time.

Arlen: talks about permanent support care homes for people with disabilities helping people, and how it benefits the community in many ways. The home prices around these facilities actually went up.

How do people find out about TLP?

We are one of only 23 programs like this in the state. DCFS caseworkers recommend the program to youth who are deemed in need of additional assistance and appropriate for the program. They do interviews and go through the screening process talking about everything. Our staff evaluate the youth and see if the youth is a good fit and interested in the program.

Question about therapy. How does the therapy work?

Kristie explains how therapy works. Differences between before and after COVID, home visits, office visits. Ongoing support to meet individual needs. Group therapy regularly. Meetings out in the community. Meeting needs for medications and other assistance as necessary. Meetings with caseworker. The home is staffed 24/7, 365 days a year.

Do we take good care of the home? Do you have a maintenance situation?

Lawn care and gardening, we have maintenance on staff. Environmental Improvement Team keeps an eye on things. Volunteers come in the spring and the fall to do seasonal yard clean-up. We intend to make improvements both in the interior and exterior of the home.

Concerned about 10% of police calls. What criminal activity?

Carina explains that the 10% of police calls that are not over curfew are not necessarily criminal either – mainly disagreements between young people in the TLP. Again, none of the current participants have had any police calls.

How often will I see police in front of the home?

This year we actually haven't had any police come to the home. Sometimes police will come by just to stop by all of our facilities and check in, but not because we have called them. Again, for curfew violations, the police are not coming out, we give them the information and they document it.

Woman concerned about parking: It is a major artery to come into our neighborhood, all those cars will congest it?

There will not be congestion. I understand this has been a concern, but this will not be an issue. Out of the 10 years of this program only 2 young people have had cars. Currently, none of the TLP clients have a vehicle.

If there is congestion, can we have a sign that tells people not to park there?

As we go through this process, if that's something the community wants I have no problem talking to the village about doing that.

Why are the village board not here? Why did you have this meeting?

I am here to be transparent. I wanted to be a good neighbor so I invited everyone to hear about our wonderful program. They're not here but that's why we are.

I don't understand why this is a good location.

Employment opportunities within walking distance, close to public transportation, community atmosphere. We talked to local business owners and they are welcoming and happy to have us in the area.

How is it staffed?

We are credentialed.

If you don't get [the home rezoned], what will you do?

We could potentially sell the property.

Are you expanding more?

No, we are not expanding more. We are a small agency, and we know what we can handle.

How many staff are social workers?

10 staff are LCSW or MSW.

What are the credentials of the staff in the home?

All of our staff are credentialed and trained. They have a bachelor's degree in a related field, background checks, orientation, on-the-job training, Trauma informed training, CPR trained. Staff get additional credentials through us.

Are they [clients] getting consistent support? Fully stocked kitchen? Family atmosphere? Is there a way to get involved?

Yes they have consistent support. Staff are in the home 24/7. Staff to client ratio is 1 staff to 6 youth. Youth get an allowance and shop for their own groceries. Many community members get involved and drop off food, like pizza on Fridays.

There are ways to get involved through volunteer opportunities to support the programs. There is a woman who makes sure the homes get a holiday meal for every holiday. We have really good support in our community.

How do you make the program LGBTQ+ inclusive?

We have changed the language of the program to gender neutral. We want to make the program a safe space and comfortable for everyone. We are very LGBTQ friendly and all of our facilities really value inclusivity. And several of the youth have felt comfortable and safe coming out for the first time while in our program.

Woman is worried about 12 boys having a frat party. How are you going to control them?

Alcohol and drugs are not allowed. There are no 21-year-olds there, they leave the program before they turn 21.

Carina explains how the young people in our program have not had a privileged childhood, and they are more concerned about being successful than "partying" as the woman had suggested. The youth are here to work on being independent, they are not here to mess around. They are like, "I need a job, I need a place to live in two years, if I don't I'm on my own." Are they young adults and teenagers? Absolutely. But should we be concerned about their behaviors, no.

Woman doesn't want to see young guys hanging out on the lawn unless they are on a baseball team.

They have school, jobs, and play sports. The kids play basketball sometimes, and they should be allowed to do that. We have a grill and have barbecues sometimes in the backyard.

What are the next steps?

Upcoming planning commission meeting – hybrid meeting, both virtual and in person on September 22nd.

In the second meeting they suggested another area to put this home, why not there?

The area suggested was an industrial area.

Is that not where you are now?

No. It is a commercial area.

Did you check that area out?

No, the suggestion was of an industrial area. As a child welfare facility, I can't ethically consider an industrial area. This home should be in a community, it deserves to be in a community.

What disruption do you anticipate in employment for the youth?

None, there would be no issues.

Arlen talks about how other communities have homes in the middle of the neighborhood. Speaks about how the Village of Schaumburg and Mayor Larson donated the Girls Home to Shelter. All other homes are surrounded by other homes.

What activities do they do during idle hours? Are they allowed to date?

They are not allowed to have guests over, but they are allowed to date. Caitlin does a great job of filling their time with things like financial literacy, and we make sure we have activities they can do during that

time. Music, activities, sports, choir, video games, chores, regular kid stuff. Sometimes they go on outings and trips together.

How do they get transportation?

McKinney-Vento Act explains school transportation, schools legally required to provide to the youth in the program.

Are any of them their own guardians?

No, DCFS identified the youth as needing additional support. They have chosen to stay within the system for additional support.

What happens when they age out?

We never drop them off at a homeless shelter. Move on to independent life, often their own apartment, it looks different for every person. Able to live their own lives.

What would disqualify someone from the program?

We by no means ever accept someone who is a registered sex offender. We are not qualified to work with that population. We do not accept anyone with criminal history, excessive aggression, if they are suicidal, gang involvement, and additional reasons.

Are there further education opportunities for the young people?

Yes, after getting a high school education many youth go on to higher education. Currently Harper College and UIC.

How do they get transportation there?

Public transportation, use allowance for Uber.

If they behave inappropriately, what are the safety measures?

If any of that were to happen we meet with the youth regularly and we would discuss it with them, we have a behavior contract. My plan is in being here to be a good neighbor, and I am an Arlington Heights resident as well. I want us to build a good relationship. If something were to happen, I would hope it doesn't, but if it does I want you to feel comfortable calling the house number. Or do what makes you feel comfortable even if that means calling the police. Our main goal is that we want to build our community relationship. We want your support, and we need your support, so that's why we are here.

When you talk about a BBQ. Have you done this before?

Yes, like a family party or to celebrate a birthday. We celebrated Divine's birthday in the driveway, we play music, bags, football, have food.

Woman says: I just want to say thank you, your goal was to come here and to be a good neighbor and I think you've done that. You have an amazing team that is committed to this community and to these kids, and I wish that I had transparency and connection with the people moving in next to me because often with new neighbors you can roll the dice. So you have created a very transparent communication.

Arlen: Also thank you to Wynburg Café for having us!

Woman states: I just want to say that I am fortunate to know about the programming that Shelter does and the impact that it has on hundreds of children in the Arlington heights community, and it's not really a question, just thank you to everyone at Shelter and anyone who works with them because you have made an incredible impact on our children.

Would you have looked near your neighborhood?

Yes.

Woman says we have a great organization but doesn't want it in her neighborhood.

Did you look near where you live?

Yes, and I would be happy to live next door. There were not any homes or apartment buildings available.

Why would you have them live in an apartment setting?

Carina talks about how our clients will most likely live in an apartment after leaving the program. So we model the home in an environment that will be helpful to them upon graduation. Our clients deserve a home too.

I'm not going to change everyone's mind tonight, and that's okay. We are here to answer your questions. Like I said, I am confident in the work that we do, and we have been here for over 46 years. We wouldn't be here for over 46 years if we haven't helped and saved thousands of children's lives. At the end of the day, what we do is save children's lives and provide them an opportunity.

As a neighbor, if I had the opportunity to knock on the door and introduce myself, would that be possible?

Sure! We had considered inviting Christian and Divine to come tonight so you all could meet them. But to be fair to them, we didn't want them to hear some of what you said. They have been through a lot and we don't want them to hear negative comments. They deserve support. But once this goes through we would love for the neighbors to come and meet them.

How can I get involved to help with academics?

Academic support, tutors, volunteers

Carina - Thank you all for attending tonight!

Meeting adjourns.

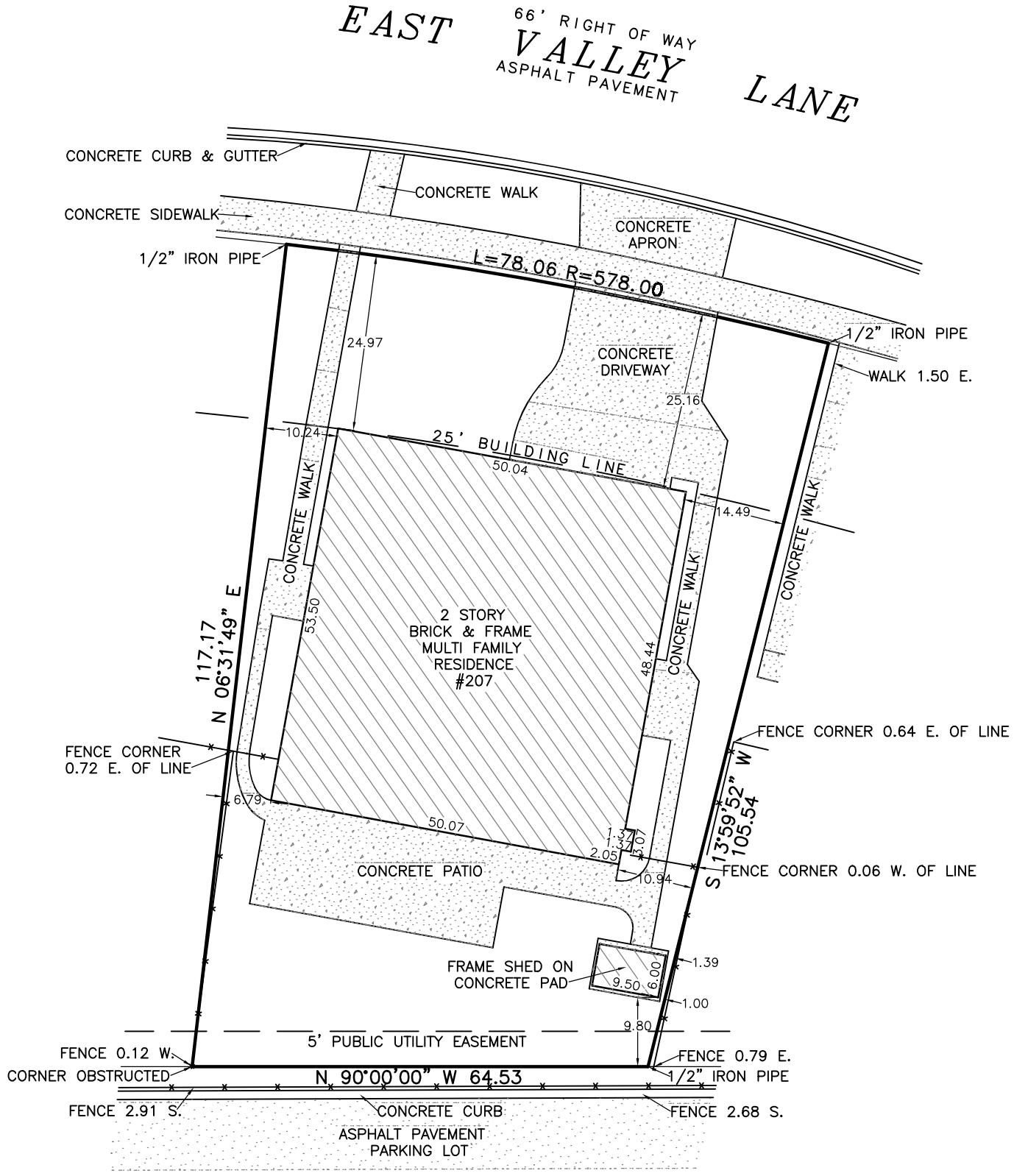
As people leave 5 attendees expressed interest in volunteering at Shelter, Inc.

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PLAT OF SURVEY

OF

LOT 36 IN KNOB HILL UNIT 1, IN SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.



LEGEND

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MEASURED LOT AREA = 7,932 SQ. FT. (0.182 ACRES)

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Scale: 1"=20'
Order # 21-183
Address: 207 E. Valley Ln.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
P.I.N. 03-17-301-009-0000
Ordered by: Reda/Ciprian/Magnone, LLC

KEITH E. DELANEY
035-003385
PROFESSIONAL
LAND SURVEYOR
STATE OF
ILLINOIS
SOUTH ELGIN, ILLINOIS

THIS SURVEY IS VALID ONLY WITH EMBOSSED SEAL

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF KANE) SS.

I, Keith E. DeLaney, an Illinois Professional Land Surveyor do hereby certify that I have surveyed the above described property, and that the above plat is a correct representation of said survey.

Lic. Exp. 11-30-22
Keith E. DeLaney Illinois P.L.S. #035-003385
Dated: May 3, 2021
Field work completed: May 3, 2021
Professional Design Firm Lic. No. 184.005204
This professional service conforms to the current Illinois minimum standards for a boundary survey.

State of Illinois
County of Cook

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I, Lioudmila Goldberg, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

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Sincerely,

Lioudmila Goldberg
310 E. Valley Ln.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

On this 15 (Day) day of September (Month), 2021 (Year) before me,

Elena Verbych (Name of Notary Public), the undersigned Notary Public,

personally appeared Lioudmila Goldberg (Names(s) of Signer(s))

☒ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

Elena Verbych
Signature of Notary Public

ELENA VERBYCH
Official Seal
Notary Public - State of Illinois
My Commission Expires Aug 10, 2024

Notary Stamp

VILLAGE CLERK

SEP 15 2021

Village of Arlington Heights

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310 E. Valley Ln.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

"OFFICIAL SEAL"
REBECCA A. HUME
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
My Commission Expires 06/08/2024

Rebecca A Hume
9/15/21

VILLAGE CLERK

SEP 15 2021

Village of Arlington Heights

Re: OBJECTION to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane Arlington Heights 60004

To whom it may concern:

I, __Scott Jansen____, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

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Sincerely,

Scott Jansen

Scott Jansen

Witnessed This Day
Sept. 15. 2021

SARI R MARKOFF
OFFICIAL SEAL
Notary Public, State of Illinois
My Commission Expires
March 27, 2024

VILLAGE CLERK
SEP 15 2021
Village of Arlington Heights

OBJECTION to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

To whom it may concern:

I, MARTIN KLEIN ___fill in your name_____, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley

Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

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Type your name

MARTIN KLEIN

***** Notary signature will include the date....

Martin Klein

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NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
My Commission Expires 06/08/2024

Rebecca A Hume
9/15/2021

Hubbard, Sam

From: Heidi Graham [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 3:56 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Recklaus, Randall; Hayes, Thomas; politicalaction@lwvah.org; vp@lwvah.org; dei@lwvah.org
Subject: Shelter, Inc. Special Use Permit

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Dear Sam,

I'm writing you today as a President of League of Women Voters Arlington Heights-mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove Area and as a long-time resident. I am urging you to live up to our Village motto as a city of "good neighbors." Shelter Inc's Transitional Living Program (TLP) gives local youths an opportunity to become strong, independent, active members of our community. Please allow Shelter's proven track record to continue succeeding by approving this special use permit.

Mayor Hayes often says Arlington Heights is a village of "good neighbors." I agree we are and we should be doing what we can to help neglected and abused children right here in our community. There has been a TLP in Arlington Heights for years, they now just want to move to a larger space so they can help more endangered youths prosper and contribute to our society.

This investment we make to bettering the next generation of Arlington Heights residents just by being "good neighbors" will positively impact the future success and growth of our own neighborhoods which is exactly what I want in my town. So once again, please support Shelter's mission and be a beacon of light for these youths instead of turning your backs on some of our own.

As an aside, I am a volunteer CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) in the Cook County Foster Care System. I know firsthand how important organizations like Shelter, Inc are in combatting the bleak statistics facing these endangered youth.

Sincerely,

Heidi Graham

President
League of Women Voters is nonpartisan;
we do not support or oppose candidates for office
She/Her/Hers
(What's this?)
w: [redacted]

All of our programs are free and open to the public but they aren't free to produce. We are a 100% volunteer organization. Please consider joining or donating at [redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Brian Larson [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2021 8:39 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter TLP House Purchase

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Hi Mr. Hubbard,

I am writing in support of Shelter's Transitional Living Program house purchase. Without a permanent location, Shelter will no longer be able to offer housing to young adults transitioning out of the child welfare system. As the Village of Good Neighbors, we should take every opportunity to provide housing to our neighbors most in need. Shelter's program does exactly that and it will ensure these young adults can continue to be part of our community. Please permit conversion of this property to a TLP.

Thank you,

Brian M. Larson
545 W Miner St, Unit 3E, Arlington Heights, IL 60005

June 9, 2021

Erika Cutlip
737 South Walnut Ave.
Arlington Heights, IL

Dear Mr. Hubbard and the Village of Arlington Heights,

This letter serves to express our support of Shelter-Inc's Transitional Living Program. We have seen the life changing impact this program has on these children/young adults in need, and we want to help in any way we can to be a Voice for them.

Our Village has made Arlington Heights a welcoming community for all residents, and we hope that we will work together to help keep this nonprofit organization in our town. Without OUR commitment to work together, this program will not receive the necessary support these young individuals need to overcome their past to build a vibrant future.

We are grateful for the opportunity to share our support of the Transitional Living Program to remain in our neighborhood and speak on their behalf as a "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" advocate.

Respectfully,

Erika Cutlip

[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Jean Link [redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 5, 2021 11:14 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Emergency Shelter at 207-209 E. Valley Lane AH

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To whom it may concern:

I respectfully ask you not to have a shelter at 207-209 East Valley Lane in Arlington Heights. This is a neighborhood where there are many children and my fear is that it will make the area less safe. I am a single woman and ask that you find a place in another community for this shelter. I have had a bad experience near another shelter and do not want to recreate that situation.
Thank you.
Respectfully,
Jean Link
Resident of Arlington Heights IL

Hubbard, Sam

From: Bill Rosenheim [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 12:20 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: OBJECTION to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

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Living within 250 feet of 207-209 E Valley Lane, I ***strongly oppose*** the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code allowing Shelter, Inc to operate a shelter home in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,
William Rosenheim
302 E. Valley Lane
Arlington Heights

Hubbard, Sam

From: Laura Rosenheim [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 12:38 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: OBJECTION to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane

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Laura Rosenheim
302 E. Valley Ln.
Arlington Hts.

Hubbard, Sam

From: Shteynberg, Marina [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 3:45 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Shteynberg, Marina
Subject: Objection to 207-209 E Valley Lane (Shelter Inc) T1736- Special use variant request

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Mr. Hubbard,

I am writing to you to express my objections in regards to Special use variant for a house next door to mine at 207-209 E Valley Lane.

My major concern is safety of my family. I have two vulnerable adults living in the household. My mother who is going to be 80 and my disabled child. My mother still works and comes home late sometimes, currently I don't have any safety concerns when she walks into the house at 11 pm. Based on the criminal reports obtained there is a hefty amount of calls due to criminal activity at the Shelter Inc present location. So despite all the precautions that Shelter Inc seems to imply they take , they still get over 50 calls a year for various crimes? How can this be considered safe ?

Can the village guarantee my family safety ? If my family gets hurt , who is responsible ? Shelter Inc , Village of Arlington Heights ?
The police will not be proactive unless my family gets hurt and at that point it will be too late for us . So please answer the basic question that I have : why are new resident lives more important than my family lives ?

I urge the decision makers in this matter in Arlington Heights not to approve this special use variant request . It will be detrimental to the safety , property values, noise pollution , and overall dynamic of the family friendly neighborhood.

Regards,

Marina Shteynberg

[redacted]

[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Timothy McRaith [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 5:36 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Cathy E Vaughn; [redacted] Pam McRaith
Subject: Re: OBJECTION to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

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September 13, 2021

To: The Village of Arlington Heights, IL

Re: OBJECTION to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

To whom it may concern:

I, Tim McRaith, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

14.6 Protest Against Amendment:
Owners of the frontage of property immediately adjoining or across or directly opposite frontage which is proposed to be altered as to regulations or districts may file a written protest against a proposed amendment.

My wife, Pam, and I have lived in this neighborhood for 22 years (since October of 1999) with our children. It has been a great, safe, single family home community. I have a variety of concerns about the issuance of this variance.

Mainly, I am concerned with my safety due to the excessive number of police calls Shelter Inc generates in a year's time and the behavior of the occupants living at the residence. Over the years they have had an average of 53 calls to the police, which is 53 more times than we want in our neighborhood. Police records indicate calls for battery, domestic battery, assaults, thefts, motor vehicle theft, disorderly conduct, alcohol and drug offenses, and criminal damage/trespass to property all occurred at the current Shelter Inc location.

I am concerned that my property value will decrease with the existence of a community transitional shelter in my neighborhood. We have seen articles that say the property values decrease by 7% on average near shelters.

Ivy Hill Elementary School is just blocks away from this building. Young children will be walking home from school. Parents should not have to worry about their children being in danger. Having 12 young men between the ages of 17-21 with questionable pasts is not something we want our children subject to. One incident is too many.

The bus stops are in the neighborhood for Ivy Hill Elementary School, Thomas Middle School, and Buffalo Grove High School. Kids will be walking to those bus stops without parents. We are very concerned about their safety.

I am also concerned with the impact of the increased congestion of traffic activity only 80 ft from Arlington Heights Road on an already blind right-hand turn. There have been accidents at that intersection and with 14 additional people (12 young men and 2 administrators) coming and going just 80 feet from the intersection that will pose even more congestion and traffic. Safety is our number one goal.

The previous noted concerns are a few of those that I have creating the basis for my objection.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. McRaith
208 E Knob Hill Drive
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Omega Decorating <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:57 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Re: Special Use Permit to Allow A Shelter Care Home on the Subject Property, and Variantions to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code

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I am concerned for the welfare of the children that attend Ivy Hill Elementary that use Valley lane to walk to and from school. Which is only 2 blocks away from the shelter. Not the 4 or 5 blocks we were told.

To all of our respected elected officials, please reconsider, as changing the zoning will change not only the zoning but all of our lives in the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Marinos Anninos
215 E. Valley Lane
Arlington Hts. IL. 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Mike A [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 8:04 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Re: Special Use Permit to Allow A Shelter Care Home on the Subject Property, and Variations to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code

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From: Athena Anninos [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 8:14 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Special Use Permit to Allow A Shelter Care Home on the Subject Property, and Variations to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code

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Athena Anninos
215 E. Valley Lane
Arlington Hts. IL. 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Angela Sisi [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 10:23 AM
To: Hayes, Thomas; Baldino, Richard; Bertucci, James; Canty, Mary Beth; Grasse, Nicolle; LaBedz, Robin; Scaletta, John; Schwingbeck, Tom; Tinaglia, Jim; Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Transitional and Affordable Housing

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As a long time resident of Arlington Heights, having moved here on April 7, 1980 and currently living in the Ivy Hill subdivision, my husband and I are opposed to both the Crescent Place Development and Shelter Inc Transitional Housing proposed to be built in an already congested area of Arlington Heights.

We hope and expect that all Trustees, Village Mayor, and Village Manager will vote NO on both projects. When my parents moved into the Village, they viewed Arlington Heights as a fantastic place to raise their children. My brother and I graduated from Buffalo Grove High School. I now live in the Ivy Hill subdivision of Arlington Heights where my two children attend Ivy Hill School. The transitional housing plan for Valley Lane would be less than a half mile from the elementary school and Camelot Park. The residents of the transitional housing are being offered a second-chance opportunity for developmental growth while living with life coaches as these residents lack basic life skills. We are not opposed to social programs to help those young adults who would live in transitional housing, but we strongly believe this type of BUSINESS development does not belong in close proximity to both an elementary school, the Futabakai elementary and middle school, and a community park. In addition, this shelter is a business and consequently should be housed in a business or commercial zoned area and not housed in any Arlington Heights residential community.

The rezoning from residential to commercial in a residential track for one business will prove to be a slippery slope; what is to prevent other businesses from requesting the same in any of the adjacent duplexes. Would the Village continue to support rezoning if the adjacent residential properties are purchased only to be converted into professional and business offices? Regardless of the purpose of the rezoning request, Shelter, Inc. operates a profit center and as such belongs in one of the many commercial condominiums existing in Arlington Heights.

Crescent Place development, although honorable in concept, is being considered as a project in an already congested area of Arlington Heights. Although there is a proposed limit on the population of Crescent place, it is a formidable challenge to monitor and enforce, especially today when many consider rules and laws as merely suggestions. The already heavily trafficked triangle reduces the opportunity for residents of either project to safely walk to the various malls in the immediate area.

The religious communities in Arlington Heights certainly can offer programs for those in need, but there still exists in this country a separation of church and state. Many of the members of these churches do not LIVE in Arlington Heights and only travel to their faith halls once a week. As non-residents, their voices should not count in this decision regarding any rezoning. Our Village leaders were chosen by local residents to conduct business on our behalf. Our Village leaders must listen to those who live in Arlington Heights, shop in Arlington Heights, support the businesses in Arlington Heights, and most of all pay taxes and vote in Arlington Heights when it concerns rezoning, which affects our overall safety and quality of life.

We respectfully request that all Trustees and Village leaders vote NO on both proposed projects.

Regards,

Angela and Raymond Sisi
1214 E Crabtree Drive
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Bethany Brinkworth [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: In support of TLP home.

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The youths in the program are all there by choice, and they're held accountable at every step of the way. This means conduct rules, curfews, financial responsibilities, and personal responsibility milestones that each youth must meet to continue in the program. These requirements help these kids transition into young adults who can be contributors in our community. In fact, many of them already have jobs in and around the area. You may have even seen and had positive encounters with these young people without even knowing they were part of the TLP.

Approving this move would send a message to these youths that we are a welcoming, inclusive community that truly believes in the idea of being good neighbors. Society didn't give these kids much of a chance when they were younger. We have the opportunity to give them one now. Let's give them that chance and help keep them on track by approving their move.

Thank you for your time,

Bethany Brinkworth
2107 E Robinhood Lane
Arlington Hts, IL

Hubbard, Sam

From: Shannon Howard [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 11:22 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Letter of Support for Shelter, Inc's TLP

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Shannon Howard
Arlington Heights, IL Resident (60005)

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Hubbard, Sam

From: Fred Nickl [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 11:26 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: [redacted] Hayes, Thomas; Baldino, Richard; Bertucci, James; Grasse, Nicolle; LaBedz, Robin; Scaletta, John; Tinaglia, Jim; [redacted] Schwingbeck, Tom
Subject: support for Shelter Inc's TLP

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Sam and Village Board members,
My wife (Kim Hedstrom) and I are residents of AH (22 years now) and fully support Shelter Inc's TLP. I hope to attend the Plan Commission zoom meeting but I have a swim parent's meeting at the same time.

My wife and I are licensed foster parents. I run my own law firm, and my wife is a licensed Pharmacist. We live in the Westgate neighborhood but have also lived in the Regent Park area and at 200 N. AH Rd. I started being involved in one-to-one mentoring of at-risk youth 30 years ago, first with Cook County Juvenile Probation and over a decade with Omni Youth Services in BG.

We love the sense of community that AH presents our family and know that programs like Shelter's TLP are critically needed. Helping disadvantaged youth gain the skills needed to be independent is so important and something we and our friends support without limit. We hope that the Plan Commission sees through any noise generated by those who either misunderstand TLP's purpose or willfully ignore the TLP's safety record. It is not uncommon for uninformed opinions to spread quickly on social media.

We are available for follow-up, so please reach out if needed.

Fred Nickl
[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Jen Wicka [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 11:35 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for Shelter Inc's TLP program

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Approving the relocation shouldn't even be a difficult decision. These are youths who would—not "might," *would*—fall through society's cracks if it were not for the TLP. That's why the opposition is so frustrating. The TLP takes youths who, frankly, would have an extremely high chance of winding up homeless or worse and puts them on a trajectory toward education and a career.

As civic leaders, and as citizens, what could possibly be a higher purpose than helping young people to achieve these positive outcomes—outcomes that most of us who came from stable homes take for granted?

For the betterment of these youths' lives, and for the betterment of our community, I respectfully ask that you allow Shelter, Inc. to relocate the TLP.

Thank you for your time,

Jen Wicka

Hubbard, Sam

From: Lisa Mullen [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 11:44 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter inc's new location

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Hi... I have been a resident of Arlington heights for over 25 years now. I FULLY support the new location for Shelter inc... I believe that the people who are opposing the new location, are being fed mis information!! These kids need a fighting chance, and it is not their fault that they have had no support. Shelter inc has everything in place to keep the kids on the right track, teach them life skills, and monitor them closely!! I FULLY support Shelter, inc, and what they are doing for these kids! Please feel to reach out with any questions!!!

Lisa Mullen
Arlington heights resident for over 25 years!



Lisa Mullen - Realtor
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Hubbard, Sam

From: Lauren Rzepka [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 11:46 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: In support of Shelter Inc and the Transitional Living Program

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Hello,

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I want to express my support for moving Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to a new location in Arlington Heights. Shelter is a valuable resource in our community that needs to be supported. Shelter provides services to children and families in need and in many cases they are the children and families most overlooked by our community.

The Shelter's TLP strengthens our community by helping young residents become productive, independent adults. TLP is safe and should be welcomed in our community based on the values of Arlington Heights. We are indeed the village of good neighbors and welcoming the TLP into this community is a demonstration of our values.

It is our civic responsibility to make choices that support young people improving their lives and accessing much needed resources. For the betterment of our community, I respectfully ask that you allow Shelter, Inc. to relocate the TLP. Thank you for your time.

--
Lauren Rzepka
737 S Vail Ave

Hubbard, Sam

From: Jaci Devine [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 12:10 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Let's support our youth!

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Village of AH,

I've had the opportunity to work closely with Shelter, Inc. over the past few years, including touring their facilities and meeting the folks they're serving, and I'm in awe of the positive difference they're making in our community every day.

The Transitional Living Program is an important piece of this incredible work. Young people come into this program with the odds stacked against them in life, and they come out as productive members of the community. I can't imagine a program more worthy of our support.

I urge you to support the relocation of Shelter's TLP to help continue the work they're doing for Arlington Heights in support of our vulnerable youth.

Respectfully,

Jaci Devine

Jaci Devine, Ph.D.
[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Darrick Santa Maria [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 12:25 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for Shelter TLP Program

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September 14, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard & Village Plan Commission,

As a 7-year resident of Arlington Heights, and father of two young children, I am writing to express my strong support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village, and relocate to 207 E Valley Ln. This agency is part of what makes me proud to live in Arlington Heights. In this community, we support diversity and inclusion. The transitional living program gives a critical lifeline to young adolescents aging out of foster care. It teaches them responsibility, and shepherds them to be contributing members of society.

Concerns regarding parking, number of police calls, and safety have all been addressed in detailed manner at various forums including previous village hearings, community meetings and communication materials over the past 5 months. The organization has done an excellent job at explaining why this location is ideal for the participants of this program, and for the broader community.

A vote that prohibits Shelter from re-zoning this new location is one that will compromise this program and will be a loud signal that the plan commission does not take our village's diversity and inclusion commitments seriously.

Norman D. Santa Maria
2362 E Bradshire Court
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Paula Karll [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 12:33 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Special Request-TLP Arlington Heights

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Greetings,

My name is Paula Karll, a special education teacher & a long time resident of Arlington Heights. I'm writing today in support of Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to a new location in Arlington Heights. Now is not the time to dismiss young people who have struggled in life and label them as "a bad element." As a matter of fact, youths in the TLP are just the opposite, I have worked and made plans for youth for transitional living after high school and they have excelled beyond expectations.

They just want to succeed in life. Youths who want to overcome challenges. These are youth who had the humility and the desire to better themselves, which led them to the TLP.

Now, we in Arlington Heights have our own decision to make. We can live up to our aspirational goal of being good neighbors and accept youths in the Transitional Living Program into our community. Or we can continue to use prejudices, biases and dismiss young people who most often are not at fault for their situation & use misinformation and inaccurate stereotypes to block their aspirations.

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I hope we choose the first path and support inclusion. I look forward to welcoming our new neighbors and seeing the great strides they will make as valued members of our community.

Best,

Paula Karll, Special Education Teacher

Hubbard, Sam

From: Katherine SCORTINO [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Request from Shelter, Inc. for variance on property at 207-209 E. Valley Lane

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Dear Sam,

I am writing to you today to offer my full support of Shelter, Inc.'s request to move its Transitional Living Program to a new home in Arlington Heights.

There is much misinformation being spread around, based on rumors and, I'm sure, on fear of the unknown. It is critical, therefore, to focus on what **is** known:

- The young people in the TLP want to succeed in their lives, and they are in this program **by choice**. Most of them have overcome abuse, neglect, and abandonment. They are assessed before being accepted and they are held accountable the entire time they are in the program. There are rules, curfews, financial responsibilities, and personal milestones that have to be met. And there are opportunities for them to learn basic life skills. **This is how we help young people become contributing members of our community. This is how all of us who are parents helped our own children become responsible adults. All of our children were blessed to receive unconditional love, and to have a secure home and the support of our community. The young people in the TLP deserve the same!!**

Our community has the chance to extend a hand of welcome and acceptance to these young people. Refusing to do that is equivalent to turning our backs on them at a vulnerable time in their lives. Refusing to welcome them means we are allowing prejudices and fear to win. Our community must be better than that!

I ask that you grant the variance needed to allow this move to take place.

Sincerely,
Kathy Scortino...an Ivy Hill resident who intends to be an involved and welcoming neighbor.

Hubbard, Sam

From: Laura Rinkenberger [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 1:17 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: IN SUPPORT of the Transitional Living Program through The Shelter

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I am writing in HUGE support of The Shelter and the work they are doing for the kids in OUR COMMUNITY. I have lived in Arlington Heights for 17 years and am proud to live here. The program put in place to help our young people break the cycle of abuse and neglect is incredibly important. The Shelter CAN help, so I am not sure why there would be any opposition to giving these kids a safe and supportive home. It is supervised, and it is OUR chance to help our local youth have the best chance at life. They go to our schools and work in our community! WHY wouldn't we support them?

The opposition must be misinformed. A knee-jerk reaction to what they THINK it is? And what is that? Arlington Heights community members are hardworking, intelligent people. I am surprised to think that they are choosing to be ignorant, resulting in a false fear of what they THINK this program is.

I hope that those opposed will seek to understand this program, its goals, and the young people that are in great need of our help. Ask questions and LISTEN to the answers so that you may instead support a positive and necessary community program.

PLEASE support our youth. We CAN, so we SHOULD. Thank you for reading/listening.

Laura Rinkenberger

Hubbard, Sam

From: Will Stephens [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 2:28 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support Shelter, Inc.

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As civic leaders, and as citizens, what could possibly be a higher purpose than helping young people to achieve these positive outcomes—outcomes that most of us who came from stable homes take for granted?

For the betterment of these youths' lives, and for the betterment of our community, I respectfully ask that you allow Shelter, Inc. to relocate the TLP. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Will Stephens

Hubbard, Sam

From: Anne Wall [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 2:54 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: TLP Expansion Project

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I'm asking that the Village approve the special use permit for Shelter, Inc to build a new home for their Transition Living Project (TLP). TLP has operated successfully in the community for years. It is a testament to their success that they need another group home. As the Census data shows, the Northwest suburban area has a large number of homeless individuals. Shelter's TLP works to provide the life skills to young adults so they can not only survive but thrive. Rather than become part of the homeless problem, Shelter's TLP is helping to fix the problem.

The Village needs to recognize and provide the opportunity for all our residents to succeed in life.

Anne Wall

Hubbard, Sam

From: Jim Dobbs [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 3:14 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter Transitional Living home

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Hello:

I am writing to urge you to grant Shelter Inc. permission to expand their Transitional Living Program. I understand some residents are objecting. I ask that you consider the consequences of putting these young people out on the streets vs easing them into adult living. I think that the residents are actually better off with guided young people vs unguided. I have dealt with Shelter for over 20 years as a foster and later adoptive parent. Homeless kids need a chance.

Best Regards,

Jim

James B. Dobbs, CFP
President
Woodfield Financial Advisors, Inc.
[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Joy Chaplin [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 3:39 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for shelter Inc

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I am a resident of Arlington heights and I support the plan to move shelter Inc.'s transitional living Program to a new location within Arlington heights. They provide vital support to our community and should have the support of our village as well.

Thank you
Joy Chaplin
1123 N Belmont Ave

Hubbard, Sam

From: David Shecterle [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 3:50 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Special Use Permit to Allow A Shelter Care Home on the Subject Property, and Variations to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code

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Dear sir:

I object to the 207-209 E VALLEY LANE (SHELTER INC)-T1736- special use variant request.

I have lived around the corner from this property at 505 E Knob Hill Dr. for 31 years. I have worked hard to pay for my home and am concerned that this variation will affect my safety and general welfare of the people living nearby. I have always felt safe here and there are many people who move into this community with young children for the schools. A lot of people in the neighborhood walk past 207-209 E. Valley Lane on their way to the Chase Bank or Jewel grocery store. I believe they will no longer feel safe doing so if the special use permit is approved.

I do not think that the Shelter Inc. home should be located in a residential neighborhood. I would not have moved here 31 years ago if the Shelter Inc home was located at 207-209 E. Valley Lane.

Sincerely,

David Shecterle

Hubbard, Sam

From: Robyn Pflomm [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 4:30 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter TLP Support!

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I'm writing in support of the move of Shelter, Inc's Transitional Living Program in advance of the upcoming hearing.

Thinking about all the organizations helping children across our communities, Shelter is right at the top of the list! The TLP takes young people who have escaped extremely difficult circumstances, including, in some cases, homes where abuse of all kinds is rampant, and gives them the basic skills they need to become independent, productive adults.

Approving the relocation is a 'no-brainer'. These are youths who would—not "might," would—fall through society's cracks if it were not for the TLP. That's why those opposing is so frustrating. The TLP takes youths who, frankly, would have an extremely high chance of winding up homeless or worse and puts them on a trajectory toward education and a career.

As board members, and as citizens, what could possibly be a higher purpose than helping young people to achieve these positive outcomes—outcomes that most take for granted? What are we saying to high school national honor students who last year raised money and donated supplies to Shelter? What about Service Over Self programs at the high schools that are developing projects to help support these individuals? What are you saying to the young adults in THIS community who are trying to make a difference in their own way?

For the betterment of these youths' lives, and for the betterment of our community, I respectfully ask that you allow Shelter, Inc. to relocate the TLP. Thank you for your time.

Robyn Pflomm
Arlington Heights Resident since 2004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Rebecca McClaney [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 5:57 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter Inc Project

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Good Afternoon,
I am writing in support of the TLP project that is on the agenda for next Wednesday night. As an educator, school board member and resident in Arlington Heights it is so important that we live our mission. We need to be a welcoming and inclusive community. We need to provide opportunities to these youth and show them what we can do to support them. I 100% support this project and would love to see the continued work of Shelter Inc in our community.

Becky

Hubbard, Sam

From: Beth Ripperger [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 6:12 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Letter of support

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Hello,

My name is Beth Ripperger and I'm a new resident of Arlington Heights. I want to voice my support for the move of Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program in advance of the upcoming hearing.

As a current Wellness Manager who works with college students, most often students from underprivileged backgrounds, I want to stress the importance of well-being for our young people. Life becomes increasingly difficult when a young person doesn't have the proper shelter, food, love and support that is needed to not just help them survive, but instead, thrive and be active and productive citizens within the communities they inhabit. More importantly, as a former first-generation, low-income person myself who grew up in a small town in Iowa, I know first-hand how important proper support, assistance and resources can be for youth development.

When I think about organizations that are doing genuine good in this world, Shelter is right at the top of the list. The TLP takes young people who have escaped extremely difficult circumstances, including, in some cases, homes where abuse of all kinds is rampant, and gives them the basic skills they need to become independent, productive adults.

Approving the relocation shouldn't even be a difficult decision. As a new resident of Arlington Heights, I want to be a part of the population in this community that helps others do better and be better. That's what makes Arlington Heights so great, we look out for one another. That's why the opposition is so frustrating. The TLP takes youths who, frankly, would have an extremely high chance of winding up homeless or worse and puts them on a trajectory toward education and a career. As a current employee of a nearby college, I can't stress how important places such as TLP are to our current and future generations.

As civic leaders, and as citizens, what could possibly be a higher purpose than helping young people to achieve these positive outcomes—I know that without the extra support and assistance I received growing up and throughout my collegiate career from so many organizations, I would not be where I am today.

For the betterment of these youths' lives, and for the betterment of our community, I respectfully ask that you allow Shelter, Inc. to relocate the TLP. Thank you for your time.

Beth Ripperger, MA
Wellness Manager
Conscious Ambassador of Trauma Informed Care

Hubbard, Sam

From: Zachary - GMail Main [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 8:28 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter, Inc. TLP Expansion Project

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Dear Sam Hubbard,

I'm writing to you in support of Shelter, Inc.'s efforts to relocate its Transitional Living Program (TLP) to the new location on the north side of Arlington Heights. I've seen the confusion surrounding this new location, and the many concerns being stated by those with inadequate understanding on this topic.

First off, let me say that I live near the current location of the TLP, on the south side of Arlington Heights. I've driven/walked past the TLP plenty of times during the 5 years I've lived in this town, having had no issues; seldom seeing any activity coming from the building itself. In fact, had I not known of its location because of my volunteering efforts at Shelter, Inc., I wouldn't have realized the building housed youths in need.

In other words, the TLP and the youths that live there have done nothing to induce this gratuitous fear in people. These young people, whom I have seen from time to time, are hard-working individuals given a chance to make something out of the horrible situation they were forced into as kids. They speak of their futures in excited ambition, thanking the TLP and Shelter for the chance to have these opportunities.

We can't begin to understand what these youths have gone through, but the good in us can sympathize. And the best in us can provide aid for them. Most of us have went through our childhood years with opportunities given to us, feeling safe in our own homes. These youths didn't get that. It's up to us, and the entire town of Arlington Heights to be there for them, to aid them in their time of need, rather than turn our backs on them in ignorant fear.

These young people are the recipients of terrible circumstances, not the sources of it. The TLP was the only program there for them when everyone else neglected them. The TLP was the only program supporting them, providing the opportunities they wouldn't have had otherwise. The TLP is their family, don't take that away from them.

Please, seriously consider Shelter, Inc.'s request to relocate the TLP to the north side of Arlington Heights. It will only do good, and maybe even save more youths in need at the same time.

Thank you for your time,

Zachary Seda

2135 S. Tonne Dr. Apt. 208

Arlington Heights, IL. 60005

Hubbard, Sam

From: Claudia Karigan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 8:31 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: TLP Arlington Heights Home

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I'm writing you today to voice my support for the new location for Shelter Inc. I strongly believe every child deserves a good life! They are here by no fault of their own.Shelter Inc has everything to give these children a fighting chance to a good life. Please don't take this life changing opportunity from them.
Thank you for your time.
Claudia Karigan
Resident of Prospect Heights for 20 years.

Hubbard, Sam

From: Erika Cutlip [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 8:39 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter-Inc Letter of Support
Attachments: Shelter-Inc Letter of Support (TLP).docx

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Dear Mr. Hubbard and the Village of Arlington Heights,

This letter serves to express our support of Shelter-Inc's Transitional Living Program. We have seen the life changing impact this program has on these children/young adults in need, and we want to help in any way we can to be a Voice for them.

Our Village has made Arlington Heights a welcoming community for all residents, and we hope that we will work together to help keep this nonprofit organization in our town. Without OUR commitment to work together, this program will not receive the necessary support these young individuals need to overcome their past to build a vibrant future.

We are grateful for the opportunity to share our support of the Transitional Living Program to remain in our neighborhood and speak on their behalf as a "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" advocate.

Respectfully,

Erika Cutlip
[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Michael McPartlin [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 8:57 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for TLP

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Hello,
My name is Michael McPartlin and I live on the 700 block of South Vail Avenue. Programs like the TLP program help younger people in need to get on their feet and begin a journey towards a more successful future. Regardless of the location, this should be something that the village support. As a taxpayer and teacher in District 214 this is something I would like to see for our young adults in the area.

Sincerely,
Michael McPartin

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Michael McPartlin
Apple Teacher
Science Teacher
Buffalo Grove High School | Township High School District 214

Head Girls' Water Polo Coach & Head Girls' Swimming Coach
Buffalo Grove High School | Township High School District 214

[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: jodi riegel [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 9:12 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support letter for the TLP
Attachments: Support letter for the TLP

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Hubbard, Sam

From: Lea Panek [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 9:23 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for the move of Shelter Inc's Transitional Living Program

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I want to voice my support for the move of Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program in light of the upcoming hearing. The TLP takes young people who have escaped extremely difficult circumstances, including, in some cases, homes where abuse of all kinds is rampant, and gives them the basic skills they need to become independent. The TLP takes youths who, frankly, would have an extremely high chance of winding up homeless or worse and puts them on a trajectory toward education and a career.
As civic leaders, and as citizens, what could possibly be a higher purpose than helping young people to achieve these positive outcomes—outcomes that most of us who came from stable homes take for granted?
For the betterment of these youths' lives, and for the betterment of our community, I respectfully ask that you allow Shelter, Inc. to relocate the TLP. Thank you for your time.
-Dr. Lea Samartino

Hubbard, Sam

From: Durante, Laura [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 7:36 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: TLP program

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I'm writing today in support of Shelter, Inc.'s move of its Transitional Living Program (TLP) to a new location in Arlington Heights. I have a son that is 17 year old Michael that struggles with mental health issues. So, this issue is personal to me.
It's easy to dismiss young people who have struggled in life as "a bad element." The truth is that the youths in the TLP are just the opposite.
These are young people who want to succeed in life. Youths who want to overcome challenges, rather than succumb to them. These are kids who had the humility and the desire to better themselves, which led them to the TLP in the first place.
Now, we in Arlington Heights have our own decision to make. We can live up to our aspirational goal of being good neighbors, and accept these youths into our community. Or, we can succumb to our prejudices and biases and dismiss these young people based on misinformation and inaccurate stereotypes.
As a resident of Arlington Heights, I hope we choose the first path. And I look forward to welcoming our new neighbors, and seeing the great strides they'll make as valued members of our community.

Please help our youth and support this program!

Best Regards,

Laura Durante

Buyer/Planner

[redacted]

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Hubbard, Sam

From: Julie Soderna [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 7:40 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for Shelter Inc.

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Plan Commission -

I have been a resident of Arlington Heights for over 10 years now and live in the neighborhood where the new Shelter Inc. facility is set to be located, and I FULLY support it! These kids need a fighting chance, and need support from a caring community. I believe Shelter Inc has tools in place to keep the kids on the right track, teach them life skills, and monitor them closely. I believe that the people who are opposing the new location are being fed misinformation. I FULLY support Shelter, inc, and what they are doing for these kids!

Thank you,
Julie Soderna

Hubbard, Sam

From: Brad Wells [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 10:24 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Re: Special Use Permit to Allow A Shelter Care Home on the Subject Property, and Variants to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

I object to the 207-209 E VALLEY LANE (SHELTER INC)-T1736- special use variant request. As a home owning resident with a family who lives on the block of the proposed shelter, I wish to express my objection to this plan. Single family homes dominate this section of our neighborhood. My family enjoys a comfortable, quiet environment to live, where my school age daughter can continue to grow without having 53 police calls (documented from Shelter, Inc.) occur on her block. I don't appreciate the city's desire to disrupting our community by changing zoning to put an out-of-place transitional shelter on our block. I strongly urge you to deny this application, and leave the zoning as is.

Best regards,
Brad

AMA

Brad Wells
[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Sandralyn Bourseau [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 10:40 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter Program/Planning

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My family has been residents of Arlington Heights for several (six) generations. I was so pleased when I learned that Shelter Inc has been successfully operating a Transitional Living Program in our village for 10 years and now has an opportunity to expand and improve this program. This program reflects the basic responsibility of our society, to assist youth making that difficult journey to productive adulthood. Having raised three sons I know this can be a challenge under the best of circumstances. This program offers those who are working to overcome difficult circumstances the chance to learn how to succeed and become an asset to our village. It makes me proud to live in a place that shows how it values and cares for those who are trying to overcome the difficulties they've been dealt. Please learn about this well-run program, which includes 24- hour in house supervision. Listen to the voices of young people asking us to care. Then support granting the variation for Shelter so we can be proud to see this program prosper.

Sandy Bourseau
151 W. Wing St.
Arlington Heights,
[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Bridget Piagari [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 1:20 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter

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I fully support the shelter location and their cause. I believe people have been misinformed about what the shelters goal and mission is. These are kids who need our support and our voices!! Please give them a chance for a better life and put your fears aside! My family and I have been collectively residents for almost 50 years and I'm ashamed of my community for trying to stop this.
Bridget Piagari

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

September 15, 2021

Re: Objection to Re-Zoning/Shelter Permit- 207-209 East Valley Lane, Arlington Hts, IL

To whom it may concern:

I Benito Garrido am the property owner of 206 E Knob Hill Drive, a home within 250 ft of property of interest, 207-209 E Valley Lane. I am strongly opposed to the issuance of variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code or the rezoning of the duplex for the purposes of shelter use.

I have safety concerns given the factual number of police increased activities at other Shelter Inc home sites. Police records show increased calls and responses to assaults, thefts, domestic battery and alcohol/drug offenses. This will have a direct impact on our neighborhood safety, children and property value.

I strongly suggest Shelter, Inc accomplish there re-allocation goals in a more urbanized setting.

Sincerely

Benito Garrido

Hubbard, Sam

From: Linda Waycie [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 2:55 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Supporting Shelter INC

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Hi Mr. Hubbard,
I am writing in support of the new residence for Shelter, INC Transitional Living Program. When we read about youth using guns to hurt others, using drugs, etc. we wonder what went wrong with those youth? Shelter, housing program is taking motivated 18, 19, 20 year olds who need guidance, training, love and community to get to a strong place to be able to succeed and be confident. The reality is that we NEED organizations like Shelter. We need Arlington Heights to see beyond fear and bias and see these young adults as humans beings that need us to reach out our hands to them and lift them up! Let's pass the zoning necessary for Shelter and keep touch with these kids. Offer extra help. Show them the love we have for all our children
Linda Waycie
Member Southminster Presbyterian Church

Hubbard, Sam

From: Cathy E Vaughn [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 4:29 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: OBJECTION to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

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To whom it may concern:

I, Catherine Vaughn, living within 500 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code for rezoning.

I have lived in this neighborhood for 16 years. It has been a great, safe, single family home community. I have a variety of concerns about the issuance of this variance.

Mainly, I am concerned with my safety due to the excessive number of police calls Shelter Inc generates in a year's time and the behavior of the population living at the residence. Police records indicate calls for battery, domestic battery, assaults, thefts, motor vehicle theft, disorderly conduct, alcohol and drug offenses, and criminal damage/trespass to property all occurred at the current Shelter Inc location. It also concerns me that even though there is a curfew for residences at Shelter Inc there have been over 300 curfew violations which indicates that the supervisory staff has no control over the resident population as they claim in all their marketing material. Their online promotional video says that they regularly take residents to see their parole officers so the population of the home does house young adults with police records.

The supporting documentation they provided to the Village also states that many of the residents are undergoing mental health treatment. Shelter, Inc to date has not furnished any supporting documentation to verify that their staff is licensed / qualified/ educationally validated to manage and address mental health issues.

The variance code states that if the variance is issued it cannot change the character of the neighborhood nor jeopardize the safety and well being of the residents who live and work there. BOTH, the character and the safety of the neighborhood, will be negatively impacted if this variance is allowed.

I am concerned that my property value will decrease with the existence of a community transitional shelter in my neighborhood. Ivy Hill has been a real estate resident destination for decades due to Ivy Hill Elementary and the location of the main arteries of Arlington Heights Road, Rand Road, and Palatine Road. The existence of a shelter home for at risk youth age 17.5-21 (young men) will negatively change the attractiveness of the neighborhood.

I am concerned for the welfare of the children that attend Ivy Hill Elementary that use Valley lane to walk to and from school. Just one recent afternoon for a total of 6 minutes, I counted 27 elementary school kids walking down Valley towards the 207-209 property on their way home from school. 60% of these children were NOT escorted by any adult and were walking alone.

The previous noted concerns are a few of those that I have creating the basis for my objection.

Sincerely,

Catherine E Vaughn
315 East Knob Hill Drive, Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Cara Malcolm [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 6:34 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: TLP support email

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I am a resident of Arlington Heights and I wanted to offer some words in support of the Transitional Living Program's move to a new home here in Arlington Heights. I understand why people who don't know much about the TLP might have questions or concerns about the move. However, the truth is that this program is a positive force for change in young people's lives.

The youths in the program are all there by choice, and they're held accountable at every step of the way. This means conduct rules, curfews, financial responsibilities, and personal responsibility milestones that each youth must meet to continue in the program. These requirements help these kids transition into young adults who can be contributors in our community. In fact, many of them already have jobs in and around the area. You may have even seen and had positive encounters with these young people without even knowing they were part of the TLP.

Approving this move would send a message to these youths that we are a welcoming, inclusive community that truly believes in the idea of being good neighbors. Society didn't give these kids much of a chance when they were younger. We have the opportunity to give them one now. Let's give them that chance and help keep them on track by approving their move.

Please approve the special zoning they are requesting for their new location.

Thank you, Cara Malcolm

Sent from my iPhone

Hubbard, Sam

From: Vaibhav Agrawal [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 6:47 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: OBJECTION to special use permit variance 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

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Hello Mr. Hubbard,
I am a neighbor just few houses away from the property in the Subject. The main reasons why I chose this neighborhood as my permanent home are1/ peaceful neighbors, 2/safe for kids, 3/proximity to school, 4/quiet internal road traffic and 5/also to be practical; stable property prices as I am after all investing my hard earned money in the home.

I cannot fathom how a Shelter could be built in-between houses in residential area all around it, that too without notifying neighbors of this big alteration of the residential fabric of the neighborhood. It will increase traffic at a junction which is already chaotic for us to use and to get-in/get-out. I am curious if anyone considered what will happen to the neighbors' peace of mind, safety or the property rates.

This seems to be a hastily made decision by Shelter Inc to purchase the property already without any notice of any kind to us which is not in good faith and also Village to not even consider neighbor's perspective until we reached out. We all came to know about it by chance and once we showed resistance Shelter made a communication. There are people of all ages and diverse communities that live here and we are disturbed by this change which is completely unwanted during the time of pandemic where we all are already struggling to meet our ends. I strongly OBJECT to this change as a peaceful citizen of the village and the country.

Regards
Vaibhav
406 E Knob Hill Dr, 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: THERESA STEWARD [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 6:48 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Special Use Permit to Allow A Shelter Care Home on the Subject Property, and Variants to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

I object to the 207-209 E VALLEY LANE (SHELTER INC)-T1736- special use variant request. As a home owning resident with a family who lives on the block of the proposed shelter, I wish to express my objection to this plan. Single family homes dominate this section of our neighborhood. My family enjoys a comfortable, quiet environment to live, where my 13-year-old daughter can continue to flourish and grow without having fear for her safety. She and her friends frequently ride their bikes past the proposed property and I'm concerned with added stress of wondering if they will come into any untoward contact with any of the residents. The proposed residents will be mostly male and between the ages of 17 and 21. I do not want my 13-year-old daughter to be in contact with this demographic.

Another issue of concern is precedent. If we allow the use of the proposed residence as a shelter care home, what would prevent the other neighboring homes with the same blueprint from becoming one as well due to new zoning. The allowance of the first home will set the precedent for another not only in our neighborhood but other locations within Arlington Heights. Shelter Inc., stated in a recent community meeting that they have no plans to expand, yet this will be their second property in Arlington Heights. Those in support of this home do not necessarily live on Valley Lane or its neighboring streets. They live on the opposite end (south) of Arlington Heights with no impact to their children's safety or their immediate property.

As noted in public record, many of the proposed residents are undergoing treatment for mental health issues, and have violated curfew (300+ violations). It is known that the Department of Children and Family services are having problems with finding space and housing for the proposed population. In order to secure state funds, social service agencies such as Shelter Inc., make agreements in the suburban areas to address the issue of runaways and for easier tracking (due to limited public transportation vs. locations in the city).

It was stated that the decision should be made based on facts and not feelings. However, when searching for our home, a major deciding factor for moving to Arlington Heights was based on how we would feel as a family living in this neighborhood. How we'd interact with our neighbors and establish stable relationships within the community. Our line of thinking and feelings should not be discounted. Many of the neighbors spent years saving enough money to buy homes in this area. Many are of retirement age who do not wish to leave their stability for fear of safety or loss in property value. As these residents will be "transitional", there will be a cycling of residents in and out of the home with the average stay being less than 2 years.

In terms of facts, it is known that the owner of the property has attempted to sell it since 2018. Since we've moved here in 2013 there's been no problems selling homes on Valley Lane. We receive monthly advertisements from realtors on the status of homes for sale, as well as solicitations to sell our home because

it's a great neighborhood to live in. Once the relators become aware of a shelter home on the block, the interest in single-family homes in this neighborhood will decrease. Further, I would submit for transparency purposes, Ivy Hill Elementary School as well as Thomas Middle School should be made aware of this proposed shelter. I'd be interested to know the school boards perspective on this proposal. Both schools educate students on being on alert for "stranger danger" situations and how to report it.

Another point of fact is that we are tax paying voters. The allowance of the proposed re-zoning and use of this residence will become an important issue to consider during the next election.

While I support helping our fellow citizens, I do not support using our neighborhood as a test case.

I strongly urge you to deny this application, and leave the zoning as is.

Kind Regards,
Theresa M. Wells MS, RPh
402 E. Valley Lane

Hubbard, Sam

From: swaribha garg [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 6:57 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: OBJECTION to special use permit variance 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

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Hello Mr. Hubbard,
I am a neighbor close to the aforementioned site for the Shelter.

A big change like this should in good faith be discussed with the residents after all you are changing the neighborhood in which we purchased our home. We don't have a way to go back now but you do. I am concerned about 1/ traffic increase around the site 2/kids safety 3/unnecessary nuisance which we don't have to deal with today and 4/ it will not remain a desirable neighborhood once it was. It can affect the value of our homes. No matter what Village or Shelter assures us, there is no guarantee. We are here for our life as a permanent home and I strongly OBJECT to this change as a neighbor. We did not sign up for the unwanted hassle this will create in our lives when we chose the neighborhood so please don't force it on us.

Regards
Swaribha
406 E Knob Hill Dr, 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Michele Hilgart [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 8:42 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Hayes, Thomas; Baldino, Richard; Bertucci, James; Canty, Mary Beth; Grasse, Nicolle; Scaletta, John; Schwingbeck, Tom; Tinaglia, Jim; LaBedz, Robin
Subject: Fwd: Support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

It has come to my attention that there continue to be delays in Shelter, Inc's request for a special use permit from the Village of Arlington Heights to operate their Transitional Living Program (TLP) at a new site in Arlington Heights. As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s TLP to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success. It is just one of the many reasons that I personally support Shelter Inc. financially each year. We are extremely fortunate to have this outstanding organization right here in our community.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP bolster our community, promote unity, and move us forward with strength and pride. I encourage the Village of Arlington Heights to grant Shelter, Inc. a special use permit to operate the TLP at this new site.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Michele L Hilgart
1148 N Hickory Ave

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Michele Hilgart** [redacted]
Date: Wed, Jun 9, 2021 at 11:43 AM
Subject: Support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program
To: <shubbard@vah.com>

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Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Michele L Hilgart
1148 N Hickory Ave

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Hubbard, Sam

From: Carrie Estrada [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 10:50 AM
To: Hayes, Thomas; Baldino, Richard; Bertucci, James; Canty, Mary Beth; Grasse, Nicolle; LaBedz, Robin; Scaletta, John; Schwingbeck, Tom; Tinaglia, Jim
Cc: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter, Inc's TLP

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Dear Trustees:

The people who oppose Shelter, Inc.'s relocation of the Transitional Living Program are very short sighted,

I have been a social worker for over 20 years and had the opportunity to work with many kids who grew up "in the system". These kids are incredible and the most resilient humans. They deserve a chance to thrive.

Refusing to allow this move will harm the TLP's ability to achieve its mission, making it more likely, not less, that a youth who might be served—and saved—by this program will wind up broken, destitute, or worse.

I've heard the whispers and rumors and fearmongering. Allowing the TLP to move into a better, larger location will help Shelter shepherd these young people into self-sufficient adulthood, **breaking damaging cycles of abuse and neglect** that put these youngsters in sometimes-nightmarish circumstances. If we deny this move, and turn our backs on vulnerable young people, more youths will wind up lost and forgotten in the long run.

That failure would be on us. We need only have the will to open our hearts and our community to a group of young people who have chosen a road to self-improvement. Shelter, Inc has been in business serving the underserved for decades without significant problems. Arlington Heights should be proud of their work not hinder it.

I urge you to consider that in your decision, and to allow TLP to move to its new location. Thank you.

Carrie Estrada, LCSW she/her
Executive Director
415 W Golf Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
[redacted]

CARE Center Satellite Office
4508 Prime Parkway
McHenry, IL 60050
[redacted]

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2100 Ridge Ave G102
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Hubbard, Sam

From: info@vah.com
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 10:54 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Objection to the 207-209 E. ValleyLlane (Shelter Inc.)T1736 special use variant request

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As 38 year residents on Valley Lane we oppose the SpecialUse Variant Request.
Parking-Building is second building east off Arlington Heights Road. In-house staff will occupy two spots on driveway, any additional therapists or visitors will park on street and will infringe on the available spots in front of other homes down Valley. A logjam will occur at corner as buses picking up and dropping off children from IvyHill,Thomas and Buffalo Grove use Valley to enter.This does not include Special Education and after school care services that travel down Valley for pick up at Ivy Hill. Proximity to Ivy Hill School is 2 blocks away not the "4-5" that THEY have stated. Safety- Concerned that adults with criminal record to be housed in building. Some could have felony convictions. Fear that that would convert home from its current 2 separate units into one large home because of a shortfall in some staffing. Staffing that is hard to come by as they have been hiring since February and are now willing to settle for high school equivalency to monitor the adults in house.

Sent By: Sam and Deborah Marsillo

Sent From: [redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Kerri Hood [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 11:08 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter TLP Concerns

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I have several concerns about the Shelter TLP in our Ivy Hill neighborhood. Why was this location chosen? While having compassion for these adults, we need to put safety and comfort of our families **first**. Ivy Hill school is right down the street. Several students have bus stops near here. Our children ride bikes around and play at parks. Knowing the current residents may have mental health/behavior issues leading to many police calls is a red flag, and this proposal should be rejected.

This location is not convenient to any public transportation services. Why isn't a downtown location being considered?

This is a neighborhood of mainly single-family homes. Having up to 10 adults in a single home is not acceptable. Why isn't Shelter considering renting individual apartments in one of the many nearby complexes?

What are the metrics required to close this shelter should there be issues? What is the process? Will we have to fight the village for years to get them removed? Please provide this before approving.

Also please only consider opinions of residents who live near this location. It's easy to state this is a wonderful idea when it has no impact on your own life.

Regards,
Kerri Hood
1025 E Cherry Lane

Hubbard, Sam

From: linda ascot [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 11:48 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter - 207-209 E. Valley Ln. For Submission to Plan Commission

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We are are DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED a Shelter in Ivy Hill.

The location of this shelter would be situated among residential homes within the Ivy Hill subdivision. **A shelter of <u>any</u> kind does not belong in a residential subdivision.** It's placement here **would forever alter the essential character of the neighborhood.** We strenuously urge the Plan Commission to vote NO!

The introduction of said shelter does not offer enhancement nor convenience to the residential neighborhood, in fact, it would likely inconvenience the residents within proximity of this establishment.

Upon review of the website of Shelters Inc, it describes those serviced by this institution as adolescents who are abused, neglected, dependent or in need of supervision.

I am deeply disturbed by the specific narrative within the Proposal which states, *"Many of these young people are currently undergoing treatment for mental health issues; however, the level of their diagnosis typically does not qualify them as disabled as defined by the State of Illinois."*

Our presumption of safety within this small subdivision and the welfare of our children would certainly be compromised should such an institution be permitted to inhabit this residential community. I am profoundly concerned about the immediate and long-term detrimental effect such a facility would impose upon the existing residents of our community.

Furthermore, it is incomprehensible to me how this particular street within our subdivision is appropriate for the needs of this institution. There is no easy access to public transportation. The occupancy would exceed the allowable amount for a single family residence housing unrelated people. There simply does not appear to be any compatibility between the existing neighborhood structure and the insertion of this institution.

Please clearly hear the voices of the residents of Ivy Hill.....**No Institutions within the Residential neighborhood.**

Martin & Linda O'Brien

903 Crabtree Drive
Ivy Hill Residents

Hubbard, Sam

From: Christy Goduto [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 12:32 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter TLP concerns

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My husband and I have many concerns regarding the approval of Shelter TLP on valley drive. We live on Pinetree and my son and daughter are both on a bus route that goes down valley returning home from both Thomas middle and BGHS. The thought of a group home in a single-family neighborhood, right down the street from an elementary school is disconcerting to us. We moved to Arlington Heights 4 years ago to do better for our children. Can you guarantee our safety with this home? Can you guarantee there won't be numerous police calls as in the past at their other location? Please consider another option for this that is not in the Ivy Hill neighborhood.

Thank you,
Christy and Matthew Goduto
1918 N Pinetree Drive

Hubbard, Sam

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 1:27 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Dao Tran; Nicholas Shoop
Subject: Objection to Approving Special Use Permit for Shelter Care Home 207-209 E. Valley Ln-T1736

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Objection to Approving Special Use Permit for Shelter Care Home 207-209 E. Valley Ln-T1736

Good afternoon Mr. Hubbard,

I'm forwarding to you again my emailed objections sent to you back in May 2021. We want our objections to be heard in the upcoming public hearing on September 22.

We, as residents of 611 E. Valley Ln are in full objection against 207-209 E. Valley Ln to be a shelter for youths. We are stakeholders who live on the same road.

- We have a child who was assaulted by youths of similar age. For his safety, prevention of further trauma and mental health we do not want to risk another incident. Allowing youths with mental health issues to live on our road will increase the risk of conflict.

- The report states, "Over the last several years, the Police department has, on average, received 53 calls for service per year from the current location on Golf Road." We do not want our young children experiencing these types of disturbances.

- A youth home on our road will reduce the valuation of our home. We chose to live on E. Valley Ln because it's near to our children's school, Ivy Hill Elementary.

- The bus stop for my oldest child and other children is located on E. Valley Ln and E. Circle Hill Dr., very close to 207-209 E. Valley Ln. The bus stop is on the same side of the road as the TLP shelter location. This puts these children's safety at risk. (Location of bus stop has been updated)

Please, we live on the same street, same side of the street and will be affected on a daily basis by this TLP shelter. Therefore, our objections should have more weight than opinions from people in support who live outside of our neighborhood and/or street. In

fact, we believe opinions from people that are not directly affected by this TLP shelter location should be disregarded. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Dao Tran

Nicholas Shoop

Objection to Approving Special Use Permit for Shelter Care Home 207-209 E. Valley Ln-T1736

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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From: [redacted]
To: "shubbard@vah.com" <shubbard@vah.com>
Cc: "Dao Tran" [redacted] "Nicholas Shoop" [redacted]
Sent: Fri, 28 May 2021 at 3:42 pm
Subject: Objection to Approving Special Use Permit for Shelter Care Home 207-209 E. Valley Ln-T1736

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- The bus stop for my oldest child and other children is located near E. Valley Ln and N. Pinetree Dr., very close to 207-209 E. Valley Ln. This puts these children's safety at risk.

We would like to hear back from you addressing our concerns.

Sincerely,

Dao Tran

Nicholas Shoop

Hubbard, Sam

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 1:55 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam; Dao Tran; Nicholas Shoop
Subject: Objection to Approving Special Use Permit for Shelter Care Home 207-209 E. Valley Ln-T1736

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

Objections for public hearing 9/22:

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- We have a child assaulted by youths of similar age. For his safety, prevention of further trauma and mental health we do not want to risk another incident. Allowing youths with mental health issues to live on our road will increase the risk of conflict.

- The report states, "...the Police department has, on average, received 53 calls for service per year from the current location..." We do not want our young children experiencing these disturbances.

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- The bus stop for my child is on E. Valley Ln and E. Circle Hill Dr., very close to 207-209 E. Valley Ln. Children's safety will be at risk.

We will be affected on a daily basis by this TLP shelter so our objections should have more weight. Opinions from people not directly affected by this TLP shelter should be disregarded.

Sincerely,

Dao Tran

Nicholas Shoop

Hubbard, Sam

From: Ryan McMillin [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 2:22 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Crescent Place & Shelter, Inc.

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My name is Fr. Ryan McMillin, and I am the Associate Pastor at St. James Catholic Church. I am writing to express my strong support for Crescent Place and Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program.

I write as one who believes firmly that communities are measured by how they care for the least and the most vulnerable among us, not simply in words but also in actions, including effective policies. We now have the opportunity to demonstrate the strength of our Arlington Heights community by supporting these initiatives.

I see in Crescent Place and Shelter, Inc. a responsible approach to integrating into the community those who do not share the social or financial security that many of us enjoy. Likewise, the personal accompaniment that Shelter, Inc. offers is invaluable for those who need to learn basic life skills that we often take for granted.

As someone who has worked closely with PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) here at St. James, I have seen how people have been helped into a better life by affordable housing solutions and through the service of their neighbors.

My hope is that we as a village will choose to act as good neighbors now.

Sincerely,

Fr. Ryan McMillin
Associate Pastor
St. James Parish, Arlington Heights
820 N. Arlington Heights Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Moss, Heather (ES) [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 2:50 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Hayes, Thomas; Baldino, Richard; Bertucci, James; Canty, Mary Beth; Grasse, Nicolle; LaBedz, Robin; Scaletta, John; Schwingbeck, Tom; Tinaglia, Jim
Subject: Plan Commission Meeting, Sept 22 for Shelter-Inc Letter of Support

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Hi Sam,

I met you when my husband and I purchased a house a couple years back. As both a resident of Arlington Heights and a Board member of Shelter-Inc., I am writing in support of the proposed relocation of Shelter-Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP). I've been told there is opposition to the proposal based on the unknown, and as a parent, I understand that. Naturally, fear pulls us the other way as a mechanism to protect our vulnerable children. But it's because I am a parent and I want to support our youth that I joined the Board in the first place. For those who recall, a couple years ago in a nearby town, a young boy was killed at the hands of his abusive parents as he was failed by community. It was that story that made me realize the importance of agencies like Shelter-Inc. As community members, we have been empowered to make meaningful change to those youth who are without privilege, to support DE&I locally and to embrace the vulnerable that go to school, work and live beside us. I ask that you listen to what Shelter-Inc has to say and keep an open mind. Your voice matters.

Regards,

Heather Moss

Heather Moss | Private Equity
ADP Major Accounts
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September 16, 2021

To the Members of the Plan Commission:

My name is John Stomper and I have been a resident of Arlington Heights for almost 15 years. I am also currently the Board President of Shelter, Inc. and have been involved with Shelter for nearly 9 years. I am writing in support of Shelter's move of the Transitional Living Program (TLP) to the duplex on Valley Lane.

Shelter, Inc. has been part of Arlington Heights for 50 years and the TLP program has been part of our mission for the last 12 years. Many of Shelter's supporters have written letters describing the TLP program and its history. I am not going to repeat that information here. I want to address the misunderstanding by some people as to what TLP is and what it is not.

What it is:

- A supportive and nurturing home for young adults, who have transitioned out of foster care, to live and to learn life skills.
- A home where these youth live, who go to school and work in our community.
- A positive force for change in these people's lives.

What it is not:

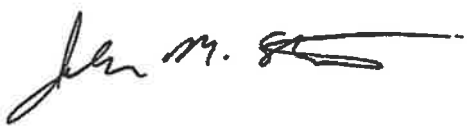
- A "halfway house". These are not criminals integrating back into society.
- A "shelter" for homeless people. The youth stay at TLP for a period of six months to 2.5 years, calling this place their residence.

The youth in the TLP program have had to overcome many hardships in their lives. Our community needs to provide a place that is supporting and nurturing. I have been proud to live in Arlington Heights as this village has shown itself to be open and caring to those in need.

On the village's website, it says "The Village of Arlington Heights strives to be a welcoming and inclusive place for all." Now it is your turn, as the Plan Commission, to live up to that ideal.

I strongly urge the commission to support the approval of the special use permit.

Respectfully,



John M. Stomper

Hubbard, Sam

From: Heidi Graham [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 3:57 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Hayes, Thomas; Baldino, Richard; Bertucci, James; Canty, Mary Beth; LaBedz, Robin; John Scaletta; Schwingbeck, Tom; Tinaglia, Jim; [redacted]
Subject: Housing for vulnerable youth

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

I am writing in support of Shelter, Inc's move to a new location in Arlington Heights. As a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate in the foster care system) for the last three years, I know the perception is foster children, especially those who have been in the system until early adulthood, is these youths are trouble makers. My experience is these youth are like any other young person: they are interested in making their lives better. My experience also tells me the system is broken and we desperately need the services of organizations like Shelter, Inc. and TLP's (Transitional Living Programs) to combat these very real and frightening statistics.

- D214 has the highest homeless/home insecure population in Cook County (outside of Chicago)
- 50% of all foster care children end up in prison
- 50% of all young girls who languish in foster care are pregnant by age 18

Arlington Heights prides itself as a city of good neighbors. We simply can not call ourselves this is we are unwilling to make space for these children who need us most.

I welcome you to email me or call me at 847-687-2497 if you'd like to discuss this further and hear more about why we must make way for this development.

Sincerely,

Heidi Graham
she/her/hers

Hubbard, Sam

From: Melissa Earley [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 3:58 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Re-Zoning Proposal for Shelter Inc's Transitional Living Program

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

I am writing in favor of the re-zoning proposal for a house purchased for Shelter Inc's Transitional Living Program.

I am the lead pastor of First UMC of Arlington Heights, a congregation of approximately 800 members. This summer, we decided to invest substantially in our youth ministry by hiring a full-time director of children and youth ministry. This decision was grounded in our desire to take seriously the needs of the youth in our church community and our belief that it is the responsibility of adults to equip young people for full, healthy, service-focused lives. By investing our time and money in young people, particularly those who are the most vulnerable, we believe we are building a better world for us all.

I urge the Village Trusttees to vote in favor of the re-zoning proposal presented by Shelter Inc.

Peace,

Melissa Earley (she, her, hers)
Lead Pastor, First UMC of Arlington Heights

You can read my blog at [redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Lorri Grainawi [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 3:59 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for Shelter, Inc.

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I am writing in support of the Shelter, Inc's Transitional Living Program's move to a new home here in Arlington Heights. I understand why people who don't know much about the transitional living program (TLP) might have questions or concerns about the move. I wish they would take the time to educate themselves on the facts which would help allay their fears.

The youths in the program are all there by choice, and they're held accountable at every step of the way. This means conduct rules, curfews, financial responsibilities, and personal responsibility milestones that each youth must meet to continue in the program. These requirements help these kids transition into young adults who can be contributors in our community. In fact, many of them already have jobs in and around the area. You may have even seen and had positive encounters with these young people without even knowing they were part of the TLP.

Approving this move would send a message to these youths that we are a welcoming, inclusive community that truly believes in the idea of being good neighbors and in our movement for diversity, equity and inclusion. These are kids and they need our help. Let's give them that opportunity and help keep them on track by approving this move.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lorri Grainawi

227 S Vail

Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Hubbard, Sam

From: Heidi Graham [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 4:03 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam; Hayes, Thomas; Baldino, Richard; Bertucci, James; Canty, Mary Beth; LaBedz, Robin; John Scaletta; Schwingbeck, Tom; Tinaglia, Jim
Cc: [redacted] Maria Brauer
Subject: League Supports Shelter, Inc.

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

I am writing on behalf of League of Women Voters Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove and our membership in support of Shelter Inc's move.

Shelter, Inc is an agency in Arlington Heights that supports youth in our community who are victims and survivors of child abuse and neglect. They have a transitional living program in Arlington Heights that provides life skills and housing to youth aging out of the foster care system. They have been in our community since the 1990s and have recently purchased a new property to upgrade the one that they have for our young people. Shelter, Inc. has requested a special use variance and we support these services in Arlington Heights.

LEAGUE POSITION WHICH SUPPORTS THIS STATEMENT:

Fair Housing: In 2005, the League urged Congress to create the Affordable Housing Fund, a long-overdue step toward addressing the housing crisis that confronts very low- and extremely low-income families.

Meeting Basic Human Needs – Housing Supply: Support policies to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family.

Low- and Moderate-Income Housing:

- Illinois Leagues have worked for an increased supply of low- and moderate-income housing through litigation, lobbying, participating on various advisory commissions to monitor Community Development Block Grants, monitoring housing authorities, and by working with zoning boards.
- The Illinois League believes
    - The State should plan for adequate supplies of low and moderate-income housing.
    - Builders of large developments and planned unit developments should be required to provide a percentage of their units for low- and moderate-income housing.
    - Some kind of fair-share plan should be developed so that every community will have a percentage of low- and moderate-income housing, rather than having it concentrated in a few areas of the state. This kind of housing should be attractive and diversified in design and should be subsidized by both state and federal levels.
    - The League believes an educational program is needed to explain the need for and concept of low and moderate-income housing and that, when necessary, zoning laws should be revised to accommodate such housing.

Health Care: Every U.S. resident should have access to a basic level of care that includes the prevention of disease, health promotion and education, primary care (including prenatal and reproductive health), acute care, long-term care, and mental health care. Every U.S. resident should have access to affordable, quality in- and out-patient behavioral health care, including needed medications and supportive services that are integrated with, and achieves parity with, physical health care.

Sincerely,

Heidi Graham

President
League of Women Voters is nonpartisan;
we do not support or oppose candidates for office
She/Her/Hers
(What's this?)
w: [redacted]



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Hubbard, Sam

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 4:17 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Letter in support of Shelter, Inc.

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I'm writing today in support of Shelter, Inc.'s move of its Transitional Living Program (TLP) to a new location in Arlington Heights. I have been involved in the organization for years as well as many other charitable organizations and Shelter has done amazing things for families and Arlington Heights would be lucky to have them call this city their home.
I 100% Support this organization and their move forward for a better location, and a more modern facility. Lets help more families.

Thank you for your time.

Shannon Potenzo
Owner, SP Marketing, Inc.
[redacted]
1260 Bamberg Ct. Hanover Park IL 60133

Hubbard, Sam

From: Juliet Bergner [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 4:20 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter Inc. Variance

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

I am writing in support of a special use variance for the new property acquired by sheltered Inc.. I have been a resident of Mount Prospect for 40 years and now Arlington Heights for 10 years. One of our daughters secured her first position as a social worker at shelter at its current location. It was a great start for her. We pride ourselves on being a caring community and there are so many young people in the area that need shelter. Please pass this variance

Sincerely,

Juliet Bergner
201 N. Vail Av. #806
Arlington Heights, Il. 60004
[redacted]

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Hubbard, Sam

From: Cathy E Vaughn [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 4:30 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Peter Michaelides; Bill Rosenheim
Subject: OPPOSITION due to expected decrease in property value- 207-209 E Valley Lane Variance
Attachments: PV1.PNG; PV2.PNG; PV3.PNG

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During the Conceptual Planning Committee meeting that I and others attended on Sept 1, 2021, Commissioner Lynn Jensen specifically noted more than once that he wanted facts not emotions about our concerns.

Please see the following articles that are attached off the web that support our concern for our property value if this variance is granted....you can see the article reference in the search box header for each.
The range of decline in property value is cited at 7-12%.

This is one of the reasons I oppose the variance.

Cathy Vaughn, 315 E Knob Hill Drive

familyhandyman.com/article/10-surprising-things-that-decrease-property-value/

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Proximity to Certain Facilities and Businesses

Studies show that living close to certain businesses and facilities can drag down property values. Being in close proximity to the following are associated with these drops in property value:

- Bad school (22.2 percent)
- Strip club (14.7 percent)
- Homeless shelter (12.7 percent)
- Cemetery (12.3 percent)
- Funeral home (6.5 percent)
- Power plant (5.3 percent)
- Shooting range (3.7 percent)
- Hospital (3.2 percent)

An Unsightly Yard

They call it curb appeal for a reason. If your yard is in poor condition or

10 Industries That Diminish Pro
housely.com/industries-that-diminish-property-values-the-most/
Apps Business Objects FedEx Tracking, Shi... Harvest Live Services Imported From IE mySupport-IT Respiratory Protecti... NorthShoreConnec...
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12.3%.

7. Halfway House/Homeless Shelter

While it's a plus for people who get out of jail or mental institutions to have a place to call home, it's not ideal for property values. Odds are that if you hear of any type of social housing opening in a residential area, the neighbors will be far less than pleased. Zoning wars are common when a church mission or halfway house buys or builds a property in a middle-class neighborhood, and the complaints are that their quality of life will go down as well as their property values by having transients, possible sex offenders and/or ex-cons living next door. The Baltimore Sun did an article about the effect of a teen group home had on its residents, with one woman saying she fears going out of her house to walk her dog as the residents were exposing themselves to her and some residents say they are upset with the behavior, including spitting, littering, and harassment. Although many social welfare groups say that halfway houses have no negative impact property values, many complaints from people who actually live where such a place is opened speaks volumes. In a similar situation, Realtor.com reports that homeless shelters in a neighborhood correlate with over a 12% decrease in home value.

8. City Dumps

lose to Home: Does Proximity
ibo.nyc.ny.us/iboreports/close-to-home-does-proximity-to-a-homeless-shelter-affect-residential-property-values-in-manhattan-2019.html#:~:text=Specifically%2C%20residences%20located
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city. This in turn has led to opposition in some neighborhoods slated for the new shelters. One frequently cited concern is that the presence of a shelter would negatively impact nearby property values due to the perception —whether based in reality or not—that shelter residents would loiter on neighborhood streets, engage in offensive behavior, and participate in or become targets of criminal activity.

At the request of Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer, IBO analyzed the impact of homeless shelters on residential property values in New York City, focusing on Manhattan. Department of Finance (DOF) data on all residential sales in Manhattan from calendar years 2010 through 2018 enabled a comprehensive comparison of sales prices of condos and one-, two-, and three-family homes located near congregate shelters with the sales prices of residences located further away. IBO modeled housing prices as a function of proximity to congregate homeless shelters plus a number of other factors likely to influence sales prices, such as property size, property type, year of sale, and neighborhood characteristics and amenities. An econometric analysis of the data yielded estimates of the impact on prices of proximity to shelters after controlling for the influence of the other factors.

The estimates confirmed the common assumption that residences located closer to shelters sell at lower prices than similar residences located further away. **Specifically, residences located within 500 feet of an adult shelter sell for an estimated 7.1 percent less than comparable residences sold at a comparable point in time located 500 feet to 1,000 feet from shelters; properties located within 500 feet of a shelter for families with children sell for an estimated 6.4** percent less, all else being equal. In other words, if a property without a nearby shelter was worth $1 million, that same property located within 500 feet of a shelter would sell for $929,000. Proximity to multiple shelters has a considerably bigger estimated impact on prices: all else equal, residences located within 1,000 feet of more than one shelter sell for an estimated 17.4 percent less than residences located within 1,000 feet of only one shelter.

Hubbard, Sam

From: Sbcglobal [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 4:40 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for Shelter inc

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Hello

I am a mental health professional and a member of Nami Northwest Suburbs. I am also a member of the Housing Task Force. I have had a chance to talk with the people from Shelter Inc and I feel that they provide a great service to people transitioning out of the DCFS system into adulthood. The have been active in the area for a number of years with no indicated problems wit their clients in the neighborhood where they are located. They are seeking permission to renovate a new space to serve more youth and are thoroughly professional in the services they provide.

I would urge the planning commission to support and approve of Shelter Inc plan and will be coming to the meeting to provide my support. I hope the planning commission will carefully study the proposal and approve it.

Yours truly
Philip Geier
arlington hts

Hubbard, Sam

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 5:00 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter Inc variance request

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Dear Mr Hubbard,

I urge approval of the variance requested by Shelter Inc. Young people who have suffered as children need support of the community to achieve independence. A compassionate village like Arl Hts must take the opportunity to help them. We cannot complain about adults needing social services or being unable to contribute to society if we turn our backs on them during critical developmental periods. People do not magically become responsible, independent adults at 18 yrs of age.

Best,

Madeline McCarren
501 E Lincoln St, 60005

Hubbard, Sam

From: Kyla Swain [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 6:13 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter Inc TLP

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Good evening,

I am writing today to voice my strong support for the move of Shelter Inc's Transitional Living Program to a new and improved facility in Arlington Heights. Some may think that they do not want a program like this in their neighborhood. The fact of the matter is that the people who the program seeks to benefit are already members of the community, and the challenges they face are not going to go away without a solution.

I myself grew up in the area, and I was very fortunate in the sense that I had supportive parents who guided me through my transition from childhood to adulthood. This support allowed me to pursue an education in engineering and medicine that I can use to help others and give back to my community.

I also recognize the harsh reality that not everyone has those same opportunities. Shelter Inc is making an effort to bridge that gap by providing young people with the resources and guidance they need and deserve to be able to achieve their goals. This would improve the wellbeing of the community as a whole and the benefits would be reaped for years to come.

All the best,

Kyla E. Swain
(she/her)
MS3, Trinity School of Medicine
AMSA Reproductive Health Course Director
[redacted]

To: Sam Hubbard September 16, 2021

Planning & Community Development

From: Donna & Bruce Ackerman

Re: Special Use Permit to allow a "Shelter Care Home" (hereinafter referred to as "Subject Home")
Located at 207-209 E. Valley Lane

My wife, Donna Ackerman and myself respectfully register our vigorous opposition to the grant of a special use permit for a subject home located above.

Our concern is with the safety of our immediate area, consisting entirely of single family homes. Numerous children walk daily to the very close elementary school (three blocks away), as older children (Junior High & High School) wait for the bus service in the immediate physical area of Subject Home property.

- Many citizens/taxpayers of ALL generations recreate, shop, worship, and bring a special quality of lifestyle and belonging to our area. The residents are intergenerational, diverse and concerned with their community, and range in their home residency longevity from one year to in excess of 40 years. Their lives are an integral part of this area.
- The proposed use alteration of the Subject Home will negatively alter the essential character of the immediate contiguous properties, thereby being grossly incompatible with existing uses and zoning.
- Vigorous, costly security demands will be placed on the police department (AHPD) and will be a necessity, as well as enforcement of parking ordinances involving related vehicles. This will very materially and adversely affect the resources, character and secure feeling of our neighborhood. There has been a documentable history of police involvement exceeding 50 calls per year during several recent years.

  Whether by intention or otherwise, such activity has caused a minimum reduction of 15% in Assessed Valuations of homes. This affect can be noted in similar areas of such change.

- The Transitional Program involving 10-12 males, ages 17-21.5, staffing, several parking spaces are materially and overwhelmingly contrary to the family character, elementary school and welfare of our neighborhood. Said area is a quiet, intergenerational cluster with children of all ages, school bus stops and close proximity to parks, schools and other community entities.
  The expected Supervision of said residents should be the responsibility of trained, college degreed professionals with accountability for disclosure, reporting and mediation of daily issues. It will be very difficult to recruit and hire the required competent staff.
- As far as the "plight" of the owner's unique circumstances," regarding the condition and length of time the Subject Home has been For Sale or vacant, as zoned; ours is an elected representative form of government. It does NOT include a guarantee or collective responsibility of the neighborhood residents to provide for the "unique circumstance of the subject Home's owner(s)." The persons in this area have worked long and hard lives to provide a simple, secure and safe family lifestyle that is an earned right of its property owners, as well as their children, grandparents, and other tax-paying individuals of the area.
- The subject home owner(s) has the right to make remedial changes (i.e., decoration, remodeling, price, etc,) that are the owner(s) prerogative, incidental as may be required for the sale of said Home property. It is therefore the responsibility of the subject property Home owner(s) to sell to a willing buyer at an

agreed upon and fair market price. In no way is this "Plight of the Owner" a collective responsibility of the neighborhood property owners.

- It is not the obligation of the neighborhood or the village to bear the responsibility of the Home owner(s) inability to sell said property, other than as dictated by market value.
- As a frame of reference, a single family home of 2,500 sq. feet located one block from the subject home sold very recently for $454,000. Three doors east of the subject Home (duplex) on Valley Lane, other duplex units of 3,700 sq. feet are valued anywhere between $500,000 and higher. The subject property was purchased in 2007 for slightly over $500,000. In no way was the closed purchase price of the subject property dictated by anyone other than the decision of the current purchasing subject owner(s).
- We want to make it crystal clear this is not a racial issue. Our neighboring residents are both diverse and highly educated, voting citizens and real estate tax payers.
- Please do not support the issuance of this special use permit for the Subject Home property.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna & Bruce Ackerman

Hubbard, Sam

From: Cindi Nehrke [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 9:07 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: I object to the 207-209 E VALLEY LANE (SHELTER INC)-T1736- special use variant request

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Hello Mr Hubbard!

I object to the special use permit for 207-209 Valley Lane. The ratio of 2 adults supervising the 10-12 residents is inadequate supervision. Insufficient supervision of the residents puts the neighbors, especially the elderly and the children who attend the school 0.3miles away, at risk.

Thank-you for your time,
Cind Nehrke

Hubbard, Sam

From: Erin Wyatt [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 10:42 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Supporting Zoning Change for the Transitional Living Program, Shelter Inc.

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I'm writing today in support of Shelter, Inc.'s move of its Transitional Living Program (TLP) to a new location in Arlington Heights.

The Village has expressed a commitment to becoming a more equitable and inclusive community after hiring a consulting group and conducting community meetings to gather input. Expanding availability of affordable housing is one way to start to realize that commitment.

Now, we in Arlington Heights have our own decision to make. We can live up to our aspirational goal of being good neighbors, and accept these youths into our community. Or, we can succumb to our prejudices and biases and dismiss these young people based on misinformation and inaccurate stereotypes.

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I hope we choose the first path. And I look forward to welcoming our new neighbors, and seeing the great strides they'll make as valued members of our community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Erin Wyatt

Arlington Heights Resident

Hubbard, Sam

From: Connie Weissman [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 8:34 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Upcoming Plan Commission Meeting

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I am writing to express my support for the Shelter, Inc. housing development proposal that will be on the 9-22 agenda.

I am happy to support the rezoning needed for the Transitional Living Program house at the corner of Arlington Heights Road and Valley Lane. I live in the Ivy Hill neighborhood, so I drive by that corner almost every weekday. Shelter, Inc. supports and guides young people who have no one else to do it. That location provides easy access to entry level retail jobs and there's a beauty school nearby as well.

This proposal provides a hand up, not a hand out. Let's practice being a village of good neighbors.

Thank you for your service to our village!

connie

Connie Weissman, CPA.CITP, MS
Senior Analyst Clinical – IS Integration Services
Rush University Medical Center
1653 W. Congress Parkway, 11 Kellogg
Chicago, IL 60612
[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Doug Brelsford [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 10:11 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Objection to Special Use Permit Variance 207-209 E Valley Ln, Arlington Heights 60004

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Great program - wrong place

Hubbard, Sam

From: paul rajca [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 11:03 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: OBJECTION to Special Use Permit Variance 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights, 60004

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Hi,

I strongly object the changes/special use permit at the 207-209 E Valley Ln address.

Paul

1304 E Valley Ln, Arlington Heights, 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Margarita Heinzel [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 11:17 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for Shelter's TLP

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I have been a supporter of Shelter Inc for over 20 years and applauded them for all of the work they do to better those in need.
How can we turn our back on youth who reach out for help? Shelter is not only a safety net to help individuals, but they teach, guide and support them and make sure they are on track for a successful future. The youth and young adults are looking for a place where they can feel safe and be given the tools to succeed. Having the Transitional Living Program home in a safe and welcoming neighborhood further promotes the good and caring environment needed to guide the youth.
Arlington Heights is a progressive and proud community, Shelter Inc is the same - progressive and proud, they are very proud of the work they do for the youth and they are progressive in finding the right path for each individual. As Arlington Heights is responsive to the needs of its residents, Shelter is responsive to the needs of each person living in the TLP program and the community around them. You will find that Shelter supports the community and the residents of Arlington Heights, and understands that a move like this will not happen unless the support of the community is behind it. Please let Shelter show you the benefit of helping those who want to be part of a community. Allow the TLP to move into your neighborhood.

With great support for Shelter Inc!

Margarita Heinzel

Hubbard, Sam

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 12:29 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: OBJECTION to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

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To whom it may concern:

I, Kristie Gunther, living at 307 Knob Hill Drive near the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code for rezoning.

I have lived in this neighborhood for 43 years. It has been a safe, single family home community. I have a variety of concerns about the issuance of this variance:

- The welfare of the children that attend Ivy Hill Elementary that use Valley lane to walk to and from school;
- My own safety, due to the excessive number of police calls Shelter Inc generates in a year's time and the behavior of the population living at the residence. Police records indicate calls for battery, domestic battery, assaults, thefts, motor vehicle theft, disorderly conduct, alcohol and drug offenses, and criminal damage/trespass to property all occurred at the current Shelter Inc location. It also concerns me that even though there is a curfew for residences at Shelter Inc there have been over 300 curfew violations which indicates that the supervisory staff has no control over the resident population as they claim in all their marketing material. Their online promotional video says that they regularly take residents to see their parole officers so the population of the home does house young adults with police records;
- My property value will decrease with the existence of a community transitional shelter in my neighborhood. Ivy Hill has been a real estate resident destination for decades due to Ivy Hill Elementary and the location of the main arteries of Arlington Heights Road, Rand Road, and Palatine Road. The existence of a shelter home for at risk youth age 17.5-21 (young men) will negatively change the attractiveness of the neighborhood;

The supporting documentation they provided to the Village also states that many of the residents are undergoing mental health treatment. Shelter, Inc to date has not furnished any supporting documentation to verify that their staff is licensed / qualified/ educationally validated to manage and address mental health issues.

The variance code states that if the variance is issued it cannot change the character of the neighborhood nor jeopardize the safety and well being of the residents who live and work there. BOTH, the character and the safety of the neighborhood, will be negatively impacted if this variance is allowed.

I find it extremely disturbing that Shelter, Inc. was able to purchase this property before the rezoning began.

Sincerely,

Kristie Gunther

Hubbard, Sam

From: Cathy E Vaughn [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 1:24 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Peter Michaelides; Bill Rosenheim; Brad Wells; [redacted]
Subject: OPPOSED to Special Use Permit for 207-209 E Valley Lane due to Proximity of Crime to Residence research
Attachments: burg1.PNG; burg2.PNG; burg3.PNG

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> **" Calls included both criminal and non-criminal:**
> **Criminal calls included residential burglaries, criminal damage to property, motor vehicle burglaries, battery, financial crimes, theft "**

The above is from the Conceptual Planning Committee Meeting Minutes from June 9, 2021 provided by Shelter Inc in regards to the crime that has occurred at their current location.

I am sending this as my opinion which is shared by many, if not all, of my neighbors and immediate residents near 207-209.

Below are some excerpts from research on residential burglaries (as the lead criminal call reason stated above)...all 3 sources are included in the attached above. Burg 1 will be noted as #1 below etc.

#1 Research identifies the following
"Burglars prefer to offend in the proximity of their homes"
"Burglars are likely to commit the next act in a location targeted before"
"Consistently reported across all spatial choice studies is that burglars tend to target neighborhoods nearby their own home"

#2 Research identifies the following
Report cited that out of 100 burglars 27% were age 18-20, 20% were age 21-23....47%, almost HALF of the burglars are the exact age of residents Shelter Inc houses
87% out of 100 had prior police records
"Acts are most likely to happen close to an offenders home in a wealthier neighborhood", **ALL of IVY HILL neighborhood is and would look like a wealthier neighborhood than the residents were used too = a target**
60% of acts were within 10 miles of offender's home....**IVY HILL is wholly and squarely in that zone**

#3 Research identifies the following
Brantingham Crime Pattern Theory suggests that crime occurs **WHEN** the activity spaces(home, work, shopping etc and paths join such "nodes") of the offenders and the activity spaces of the targets **INTERSECT**

The approval of the variance would squarely and on a daily basis have previous offenders who are likely to act again INTERSECT with our neighborhood residents.

Please vote against the variance for the special use permit to help ensure the safety of our neighborhood and its residents.

Cathy Vaughn, 315 E Knob Hill Drive

Revisions | Open Access | Published: 11 October 2019

"Location, Location, Location": Effects of Neighborhood and House Attributes on Burglars' Target Selection

Christophe Vandeviver ✉ & Wim Bernasco

Journal of Quantitative Criminology **36**, 779–821 (2020) | Cite this article

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Abstract

Breaking and Entering: A Profile

sccgov.org/sites/da/prosecution/DistrictAttorneyDepartments/Documents/CSU%20Reports/CSU%20Report%20-%20100%20Burglars.pdf

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Breaking and Entering: A Profile of 100 Burglars

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What is the brantingham crime pattern theory?

Crime pattern theory (P. L. Brantingham & Brantingham, 1993; P. J. Brantingham & Brantingham, 2008) suggests that **crime occurs when the activity spaces (e.g., home, work, shopping, entertainment, and the paths that join such "nodes") of offenders and the activity spaces of targets intersect**.

https://www.researchgate.net › publication › 281999962_...

Crime pattern theory | Request PDF - ResearchGate

Hubbard, Sam

From: Olivia Thomas [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 1:35 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter, Inc. TLP Home

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Dear Sam Hubbard,

I want to voice my support for the move of Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program in advance of the upcoming hearing.

When I think about organizations that are doing genuine good in this world, Shelter is right at the top of the list. As someone who has volunteered at Shelters group homes before, I can say with first hand experience that they are an essential resource for young people in our community. The TLP takes young people who have escaped extremely difficult circumstances, including, in some cases, homes where abuse of all kinds is rampant, and gives them the basic skills they need to become independent, productive adults.

As a social work student I am confident when I say that having resources to help our youth is essential for bettering society. Approving the relocation shouldn't even be a difficult decision. These are youths who would—not "might," *would*—fall through society's cracks if it were not for the TLP. That's why the opposition is so frustrating. The TLP takes youths who, frankly, would have an extremely high chance of winding up homeless or worse and puts them on a trajectory toward education and a career.

As civic leaders, and as citizens, what could possibly be a higher purpose than helping young people to achieve these positive outcomes—outcomes that most of us who came from stable homes take for granted?

For the betterment of these youths' lives, and for the betterment of our community, I respectfully ask that you allow Shelter, Inc. to relocate the TLP.

Thank you for your time.

Olivia Thomas

Hubbard, Sam

From: Cathy E Vaughn [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 1:53 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Bill Rosenheim; Brad Wells; Peter Michaelides; [redacted]
Subject: OPPOSED to Special Use Permit for 207-209 E Valley Lane due to likelihood of increased crime
Attachments: IVY HILL map.PNG; current shelter inc location.PNG

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https://crimegrade.org/safest-places-in-arlington-heights-il/

Sam-
The above website provides the ability to look at crimes in AH under a rating scale.

The picture attached named IVY HILL map is the current IVY HILL neighborhood where Shelter Inc would like to put their new location. **We currently are rated A+ for crime activity.**

The picture attached named current shelter inc location shows the current location of the Shelter INC property of Golf / AH Road **which has a C crime rating**....

Please vote against the variance for the special use permit to PRESERVE our safer crime status for our neighborhood.

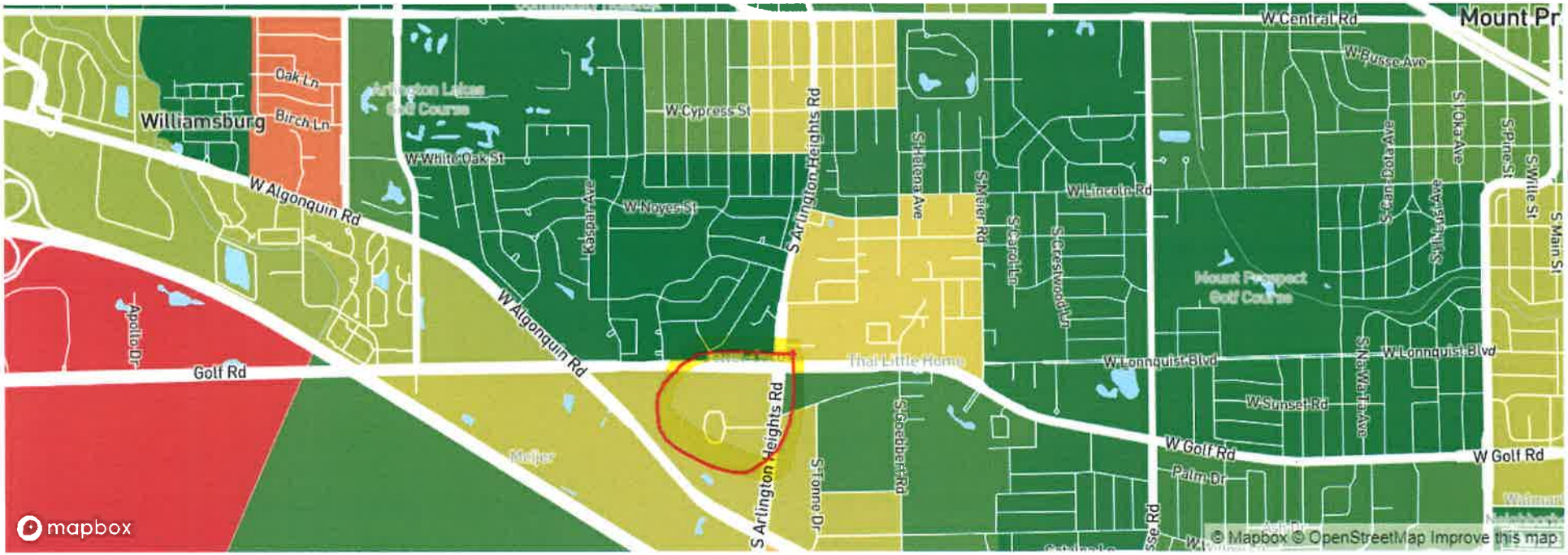
Cathy Vaughn, 315 E Knob Hill Drive



Crime Grades

A+ | C | F

A+ (dark green) areas are safest



Crime Grades

A+	C	F

A+ (dark green) areas are safest

Hubbard, Sam

From: Martin Klein [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 2:35 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: The 207-209 Valley Ln issues

You don't often get email from [redacted] Learn why this is important

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I am Mr Klein from 504 E. Knob Hill Drive. I don't want the Shelter youth to move into that dual townhouse because of a number of myriad issues...
1) the delinquents have shady friends
2) they may cuss in front of school kids
3) their upbringings are less than desirable
4) their reputation will lower property values
5) police cars may show up. We don't like to hear sirens and see the glares from the flashing lights. We don't even want to know what's going on. It's an eyesore.
6) The Shelter should have discussed with the neighborhood first before buying the property. It's getting ugly now.

M. Klein

Hubbard, Sam

From: Yaryan, Michelle C [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 2:41 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: OBJECTION to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

You don't often get email from [redacted] Learn why this is important

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To whom it may concern:

I, Michelle C Yaryan, owning a residence within 500 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code for rezoning.

I have owned the property for 20 years. I was drawn to this location based on its reputation for being a great, safe, single family home community with an amazing school.

I have a variety of concerns about the issuance of this variance.

Mainly, I am concerned with my safety due to the excessive number of police calls Shelter Inc generates in a year's time and the behavior of the population living at the residence. Police records indicate calls for battery, domestic battery, assaults, thefts, motor vehicle theft, disorderly conduct, alcohol and drug offenses, and criminal damage/trespass to property all occurred at the current Shelter Inc location. It also concerns me that even though there is a curfew for residences at Shelter Inc there have been over 300 curfew violations which indicates that the supervisory staff has no control over the resident population as they claim in all their marketing material. Their online promotional video says that they regularly take residents to see their parole officers so the population of the home does house young adults with police records.

The supporting documentation they provided to the Village also states that many of the residents are undergoing mental health treatment. Shelter, Inc ,to date, has not furnished any supporting documentation to verify that their staff is licensed / qualified/ educationally validated to manage and address mental health issues.

The variance code states that if the variance is issued it cannot change the character of the neighborhood nor jeopardize the safety and well being of the residents who live and work there. BOTH, the character and the safety of the neighborhood, will be negatively impacted if this variance is allowed.

I am concerned that my property value will decrease with the existence of a community transitional shelter in my neighborhood. Ivy Hill has been a real estate resident destination for decades due to Ivy Hill Elementary and the location of the main arteries of Arlington Heights Road, Rand Road, and Palatine Road. The existence of a shelter home for at risk youth age 17.5-21 (young men) will negatively change the attractiveness of the neighborhood.

The previous noted concerns are a few of those that I have creating the basis for my objection.

Sincerely,

Michelle C Yaryan

315 East Knob Hill Drive, Arlington Heights, IL 60004

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Hubbard, Sam

From: Laura Heissel [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 1:10 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter-207-209 E Valley NT1736

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Dear Village planning committee,

It has come to our attention that a shelter is being considered on E Valley Lane in Arlington Heights. I live in this neighborhood and am very concerned since this would be located close to Ivy Hill School and in the path of many students walking to school. For this reason, please do not consider this location for the above referenced shelter.

Sincerely,

Laura and Jeff Heissel
(Arlington Heights residents for 36 years)

Hubbard, Sam

From: Linda Brelsford <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: shelter-207-209 E Valley Lane

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I am writing in regards to shelter-207-209 E Valley Lane. I strongly oppose this variance!! The neighborhood is full of children walking to school and playing outside. The grade school is a block away. Our children deserve the right to be kids and not have to be scared in their own neighborhood. They also don't need to see some of the behavior I have heard about in the golf road site. Based on the one on Golf road and the number of police calls, it just doesn't work in this family friendly neighborhood.

Thanks for you consideration.

LInda Brelsford.
Sent from my iPad

Hubbard, Sam

From: Christy Goduto <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 5:46 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Valley drive zoning

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Hello. I urge you to please not pass the zoning for a youth shelter on valley lane. First of all there are a lot of kids that live on valley and circle hill that go to ivy hill school. They walk to and from
School every day. I worry about having this shelter with the amount of calls to the police at the last location. I am worried for our neighborhood bringing in this tile of home. Please vote no and ask them to choose a location not so close to an elementary school.

Thank you,
Christy and Matt Goduto
1918 N Pinetree Dr, Arlington Heights, IL 60004
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Sent from Gmail Mobile

Hubbard, Sam

From: Wichmann <[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 6:47 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter 207-209 E Valley

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To whom it may concern,
We have just today been made aware of a plan for Shelter Inc to acquire 207-209 E Valley Lane for the purpose of a Shelter Care Home. Having reviewed the information online there are many questions and unknowns at this time for the Committee to consider. As a resident of the area where the Home will be, we have many questions. We want to understand more about the program and more about the potential impact to our area. We are aware of the positive programs and services that Shelter Inc. has provided over the years. In spite of this history, Shelter Inc and DCFS must address all the issues that this project could present to the surrounding community. The proposal is very superficial and does not leave the reader with a clear understanding of how this will operate. Their response to the "Impact on the Surrounding Community" does not address the impact to the community. It does not address how my residential community will be impacted. For us, it ignores the situation totally. This is not acceptable. The Staff Development Committee Report refers to it as a "Dormitory" and not a residence. A dormitory environment is completely different than the mainly single-family residences in the area. Having 10-12 residents that are Male and 18-21 years old is also vastly different from Multiple Family. Dormitory implies temporary residence.

This proposal is not in keeping with the zoning in the proposed neighborhood. They do not address that and that is not acceptable. Their current home is in an area that is zoned M-2 and B-2. This proposal is in an area zoned R-6 and is surrounded by R-3 zoning. We understand that they are asking for variances, but the changes are significant and should not be taken lightly.

They have not addressed safety. The Staff Development Committee Report indicates that the Police department has received, on average, 53 calls for service per year. We would want to see how that compares to our community. This should be reviewed closely as this is a sign of the impact to our area. With Ivy Hill School nearby, safety is extremely important. Recently we have had concerns on Valley of children walking to school. Adding a concentration of individuals 18-21 adds a potentially problematic situation to develop. If this can be avoided, it should. Not going forward with this proposal does that.

The Staff Development Committee Report has many requests for information and comment by Shelter, Inc. What part will DCFS play in this project? What other locations are being considered? Are they all in Arlington Heights? Until the time that these men are placed in this group situation, what have been their
living situations? We would like to know if we will have access to this information when it will be provided. Has any of the information been received? How long do they have to respond to the requests? When will the Notice of Public Hearing be issued? We are hopeful that this will be after residents have been given ample time to review the Shelter Inc. responses.

We want to learn first about their plans and the experience that they have had since 2012. The information provided does not answer the specifics that need to be considered to make an informed decision. Prior to moving forward, there must be adequate information and review. As of today, this proposal is lacking.

David and Patricia Wichmann
[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Carla's iPhone <[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 7:37 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Transition housing

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I would like to express my concern for a transitional housing project proposed in my neighborhood of Ivy Hill on Valley.....I believe it's in poor judgment to house a facility like this in close proximity to the elementary school. I do not approve of a development like this in my neighborhood and would like further information regarding this matter.
Carla Kim

Sent from my iPhone

Hubbard, Sam

From: Kerri Hood [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 4:49 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Reject Emergency Shelter at 207-209 E Valley Lane!

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Please REJECT this request for a shelter at 207-209 E Valley Lane. This is ONE BLOCK from where a girl was just assaulted, and a few blocks from Ivy Hill School. Bus stops for BGHS & Thomas are also near this property. Yearly, the previous shelter had ~53 police calls!!! Calls being mostly due to mental health issues doesn't alleviate any fear as that can amount to real danger for the rest of us!

My children ride bikes around the neighborhood, play at the park, etc. Many walk or run thru the neighborhood alone. These activities would no longer feel safe with this adult shelter here.

Criteria for special use:

- ...deemed necessary for the public convenience... **This is a residential neighborhood not on any public transit stop. How was it deemed necessary?**

- ...will not be detrimental to the safety... **Previous location averaged 53 police calls per year. The grade school is blocks away. Too high risk and unsafe!**

- ...use will not alter the essential character of the locality... **This could reduce our property values especially if there are a lot of problems.**

- ...plight of the owner... **What is the hardship of the owner?**

Regards,

Kerri Hood

1025 E Cherry Lane

Hubbard, Sam

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 3:43 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Dao Tran; Nicholas Shoop
Subject: Objection to Approving Special Use Permit for Shelter Care Home 207-209 E. Valley Ln-T1736

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We, as residents of 611 E. Valley Ln are in full objection against 207-209 E. Valley Ln to be a shelter for youths. We are stakeholders who live on the same road.

- We have a child who was assaulted by youths of similar age. For his safety, prevention of further trauma and mental health we do not want to risk another incident. Allowing youths with mental health issues to live on our road will increase the risk of conflict.

- The report states, "Over the last several years, the Police department has, on average, received 53 calls for service per year from the current location on Golf Road." We do not want our young children experiencing these types of disturbances.

- A youth home on our road will reduce the valuation of our home. We chose to live on E. Valley Ln because it's near to our children's school, Ivy Hill Elementary.

- The bus stop for my oldest child and other children is located near E. Valley Ln and N. Pinetree Dr., very close to 207-209 E. Valley Ln. This puts these children's safety at risk.

We would like to hear back from you addressing our concerns.

Sincerely,

Dao Tran

Nicholas Shoop

Hubbard, Sam

From: Renee Bennett-smith [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 10:15 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Proposal for a homeless shelter

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Hi there!

The community is hearing news regarding a proposal for a homeless shelter at 207-209 Valley Lane.

Please do not let this proposal pass! This is a residential location, close to an elementary school and near a park where most of the kids in our neighborhood play. This shelter should not be in a residential neighborhood where children walk to school and ride bikes. This is not a place for a homeless shelter!!

I understand these young adults need a shelter, but the shelter should be near a bus stop, train station or near a community college.

Please consider that this is not a good location for a shelter.

Thank you!

Renée Bennett-Smith

Sent from my iPhone

Hubbard, Sam

From: Beth Nabors [redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 11:38 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter, Inc. - Arlington Heights - a partnership that makes impact!

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Dear Mr. Sam Hubbard,

It has come to my attention that Shelter, Inc. will be presenting to the Village of Arlington Heights soon with the end goal to be approved in zoning for a newly purchased single family home located at 207 E. Valley Lane in Arlington Heights (Ivy Hill neighborhood). I have driven past this lovely home and see that it is a two-flat, but looks like a single family home. What a perfect home for this population!

As an Arlington Heights resident since 1967 and the Executive Director of a local non-profit (JOURNEYS | The Road Home) for the past 22 years, I would like to take the opportunity to share that I 100% believe that this is a very thoughtful location for this very needed program in our community. This location will allow Shelter, Inc. to expand their program and offer more services to the youth in need of these types of programs that offer professional intervention and much needed care to our most fragile. This would be wonderful for Arlington Heights to claim 1 of only 23 programs like this in Illinois.

Additionally, the home is also located in an area that has many employment opportunities (intersections of Rand, Palatine, and AH), yet another reason why this location promotes the success of the residents and assures that they will become tax paying contributing members of our community!

Shelter Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) is for youth ages 17.5-21 who are in the custody of DCFS and aging out of the child welfare system. These youth are already in our community – working at Jewel, Coopers Hawk, Staples, Portillo's, and even some of our boutique shops in downtown AH, etc. They attend schools like Fremd, Rolling Meadows, and Hersey. They live with Shelter, Inc. for two years to gain all independent living skills to live and work successfully once the court emancipates them from the child welfare system. This program is so important because it prevents homelessness, incarceration, drug use, etc. At JOURNEYS | The Road Home we feel that if Shelter, Inc. is successful, we see less local people needing our agency. A big picture win-win for both of my roles – as a long term community member AND the Executive Director of an agency that benefits from Shelter, Inc.'s success and growth.

Please let me know if I can assist further in helping you make this a seamless process for our friends at Shelter, Inc. Together, we are all making a difference!

My best,

Beth Nabors

Beth Nabors, Executive Director

JOURNEYS | The Road Home
1140 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine, IL 60074
Phone: [redacted]
Fax: [redacted]

June 4, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success. TLP residents voluntarily join the program, understanding it is an opportunity for empowerment, choosing stability over homelessness, job security over poverty, and healthy choices over failure. They continue their education and maintain employment, learning to sustain their independence.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and move us forward with strength and pride.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Bethany F Brinkworth

Bethany F. Brinkworth

2107 E. Robinhood Lane

Arlington Heights, IL 60004

June 4, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

We are writing today to show our support for Shelter's Transitional Living Program in Arlington Heights. We feel strongly that the TLP home should be located in Arlington Heights. A program that empowers others to become self-sufficient and reach their full potential is necessary for the growth of our community. These young adults deserve the opportunity and resources that Arlington Heights prides itself for. Arlington Heights should be a place for these young adults to learn, grow and call home. It will be a true shame to our community if this program is not given the opportunity to thrive.

We have been honored to call Arlington Heights home for the last 17 years. We have proudly watched and encouraged our community to grow in diversity and inclusion. A program such as the TLP will encourage diversity, equity and inclusion that community members strive for.

The Village of Arlington Heights is a community that is constantly growing and evolving. The TLP program will foster this community growth and evolution for a better community for our children and grandchildren.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Maura and Fiona DeGrazia

812 E Canterbury Drive
Arlington Heights, Illinois

June 5, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a 7-year resident of Arlington Heights, and father of two young children, I am writing to express my unwavering **support** for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village, and relocate to 207 E Valley Ln. This agency is part of what makes me proud to live in Arlington Heights. In my community, we support diversity and inclusion – full stop. The transitional living program gives a critical lifeline to young adolescents aging out of foster care. It teaches them responsibility, and shepherds them to be contributing members of society.

While some members of our village have some concerns about having a group home near their families, I believe that much of the fear is based on the unknown. I encourage concerned members to learn more about Shelter Inc and learn about the life-changing services they offer. Our town motto is to be a City of Good Neighbors. If we are to live by that adage, we must make every effort to be welcoming, especially to this vulnerable young population that needs our support. Let's step up!

Sincerely,



Norman D. Santa Maria

2362 E Bradshire Court

Arlington Heights, IL 60004

[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Lisa Mullen [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 9:19 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support of shelter inc.

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May 5, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a long time resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride. These kids deserve just as much of a promising future as our kids do!
Thank you for your attention.

Lisa Mullen
2406 E. Brockton ct. AH, IL 60004

Lisa Mullen - Realtor

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Kathleen A. Muglia DNP, APRN
Marquette University, College of Nursing
1250 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53233

June 6, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

It takes a village!!

As an 18-year resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my very strong support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in Arlington Hts.

Over the past 25 years I have worked in our community, as a pediatric nurse practitioner, and cared for our communities' most vulnerable populations. I have witnessed the devastating effects that family hardships have had on children and that extends to their schools and community. As a village, we need to support our families. Organizations like Shelter Inc. are life-saving and life-changing for many. As a health care provider in our community, I know how necessary resources like, Shelter Inc are to help families back on the path of health and wellness. One example may be as simple as a single parent has lost their job and their adolescent child has depression and needs a place to stay for a short time.

For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.
As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride.

I sincerely hope that Shelter Inc. is able to continue the incredible work that they provide.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kathleen A. Muglia DNP, APRN
2119 E. Lillian Lane
Arlington Hts, IL 60004

Christina Perez
5 E. Hawthorne St.
Arlington Heights, IL
60004

June 7, 2021

Mr. Sam Hubbard
Village of Arlington Heights
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Via Email

Dear Mr. Hubbard,

As a long-time resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing in support of the Transitional Living Program of Shelter, Inc. Shelter plays an incredibly important role in helping vulnerable members of our community. The Transitional Living Program is a key component of Shelter's efforts by providing a safe, stable living environment for youths who have aged out of the child-welfare system.

The program is beneficial to our Village for so many reasons. It allows these individuals to have a chance at stability and independence as they establish themselves as young adults, helping to prevent them from falling into homelessness.

The Village recently undertook a study to better understood how the Village can support diversity, equity and inclusion. One of the report's highlighted recommendations was to continue to support programs such as the Transitional Living Program. Approval of this new location, which is close to public transaction and job opportunities, should receive the full support of the Planning Commission and the Village.

These at-risk youths are a part of our Arlington Heights community. I hope that the Village sees the importance of supporting the needs of all Arlington Heights community members and how doing so can only benefit the Village in the long run.

Sincerely,

Christina Perez

Hubbard, Sam

From: Rebecca McClaney [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 9:46 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: TLP program

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June 7, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

Good morning. I hope you are well. As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, and an educator this invaluable resource is needed to maintain what sets Arlington Heights apart from other local communities. As an educator in the area with a similar mission and goal, it is crucial that we help our students and young adults take the necessary next steps forward to independent living. The community benefits when we teach and lead by example. Our children are watching us and what better way to teach them to be inclusive than to model this behavior. As a mom of 3, I can only hope that the important lessons are available to all children, providing access to jobs, community service, mental health organizations. If we are consistently and constantly turning our back and stating "not in my neighborhood" we will never give anyone the chance to soar. It is crucial that we support the mission and values of Shelter, Inc., both verbally, on paper, and through our actions. It makes us better humans.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Rebecca A. McClaney
2259 E Ashbury Ct.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Katherine Zucek [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:44 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Transitional Living Program in AH

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Hi Sam Hubbard,

I am writing to you today in support of maintaining Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) in Arlington Heights. As a resident of Arlington Heights, a homeowner, and a parent, I fully support Shelter's programs in our community. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need and the TLP is a critical program.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it a responsibility and a privilege to empower others, especially our youth, to reach their fullest potential. Social services offered by TLP move our community forward to a more just, equitable, and diverse community. Without similar programs, we promote homelessness, increase costs for taxpayers, and weaken our community.

Please consider this letter my support of TLP's continued presence in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Katherine Zucek
2308 N Evergreen Ave
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

June 4th 2021

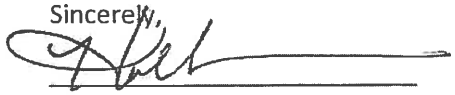
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Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Hollis Gorrie

2414 E Kensington Rd

Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Filip Zucek
2308 N. Evergreen Ave.
Arlington Heights, IL 60606

June 7, 2021

Dear Mr. Hubbard,

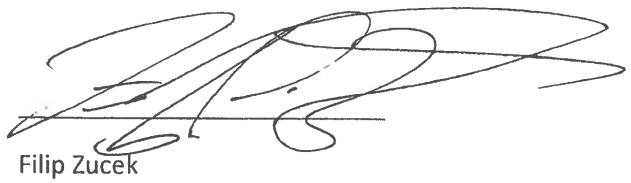
As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success. The village must continue to support this vital program, which provides a tangible lifeline to those in need and demonstrates that the village is committed to supporting the success of all of its residents.

My family moved to Arlington Heights due to the village's commitment to the youth of our community. From our expansive parks program to award winning schools, our community recognizes the need to invest in our children and young adults early and meaningfully. As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride. Promoting these values should always be a priority for our community.

If we want to continue to maintain this level of pride in our community, we need to ensure that all members of our community are cared for, regardless of the background from which they come. I urge you to ensure that the TLP can continue to call Arlington Heights home.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Filip Zucek

Hubbard, Sam

From: Sarah Bryant [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 1:17 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: TLP should remain

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Dear Sam Hubbard,

My children attend John Hersey HS. I understand you've gotten some negativity around the proposed Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP).

I support the program that has adult supervision and is helping kids who are at risk because they don't currently have family support. They are in this program because they are trying to overcoming challenges and in my opinion pose less threat to our community that most teenagers. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

--
To your success,

Sarah



Sarah Bryant
Owner, Titan Publishing
office: [redacted] | mobile: [redacted] | www.titanpub.com |

Hubbard, Sam

From: Maria Zeller Brauer [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 2:42 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: In Support of Shelter Inc.

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I am writing this email in support of the proposed location for Shelter Inc.'s Transitional Living Program on East Valley Lane in Arlington Heights. I am employed at Shelter Inc. as the Senior Director of Development. I work with the local community to raise funds from individual and corporate donors in support of Shelter's programs. I am currently raising funds in support of a new TLP residence and to date have financial commitments of nearly $200,000 from individuals who believe in the success of this program.

I am also a resident of this community. I have a six year old who is registered for first grade at Ivy Hill. I understand that some residents are concerned for their children's safety. I know the young people who are currently in this program and I have ZERO concerns for my child's or my family's safety. This residence is monitored 24 hours a day and I am confident that moving to the Ivy Hill neighborhood will not have a negative impact on our community.

I am proud to be an Arlington Heights resident and I know that if my child or my family needed assistance, the community would be there for us. I feel strongly that we need to be there for these young people who are working so hard to make a successful life for themselves. Our community will be better for it.

Maria Brauer
2722 N. Harvard Ave., Arlington Heights

Hubbard, Sam

From: Cheryl Mosqueda [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 8:00 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Letter in support of Shelter's TLP Program

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June 7, 2021

Mr. Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights for over 25 years, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride.

I truly hope the Village of Arlington Heights exemplifies the kind of community that supports and encourages those who are voluntarily joining this program - showing their determination in choosing the opportunity to learn and live by achieving stability over homelessness, job security over poverty, and healthy choices over failure.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Mosqueda
2360 E Bradshire Ct, Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Shannon Howard [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 8:33 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Letter of Support for Shelter TLP

May 5, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writin
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forward with strength and pride.
Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Shannon Howard
Name
18 S. Kaspar Ave, AH, IL 60005
Address

Hubbard, Sam

From: Breiding Marilyn <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 9:17 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Canty, Mary Beth
Subject: Support for Shelter"s TLP (Transitional Living Program remaining in Arlington Heights

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Dear Sam Hubbard,,

As a resident of Arlington Heights I am asking for support of Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our village. As a volunteer for Shelter for almost 20 years, I have seen them make significant impact on children and families in need. When children have aged out of the child welfare system in which they have been through no fault of their own, they voluntarily join the program. Shelter has empowered them to become self-sufficient and overcome their challenges to reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP offers gives them basic life skills. They continue their education and maintain employment to sustain their independence. The new residence they are seeking would be near job opportunities and transportation. The use of this property would not be detrimental to the welfare of persons residing in the vicinity.

The recent proposal of increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion in our village recommended supporting programs such as the TLP. This can empower these young people to succeed in becoming neighbors, co-workers, friends, and community members we welcome and impact our community's future success.

Thank you for consideration of this request.
Yours truly,
Marilyn Breiding
1244 Luther Lane
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: linda ascot [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:00 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter - 207-209 E. Valley Ln. - T1736

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

I have recently learned of preliminary discussions to take place regarding a proposed Shelter for youths.
I wish to firmly state my objection to any such proposal. My reasons are as follows:

The location of this shelter would be situated among residential homes within the Ivy Hill subdivision. A shelter of any kind does not belong in a residential subdivision. It's placement here would forever alter the essential character of the neighborhood.

The introduction of said shelter does not offer enhancement nor convenience to the residential neighborhood, in fact, it would likely inconvenience the residents within proximity of this establishment.

Upon review of the website of Shelters Inc, it describes those serviced by this institution as adolescents who are abused, neglected, dependent or in need of supervision.

I am deeply disturbed by the specific narrative within the Proposal which states, *"Many of these young people are currently undergoing treatment for mental health issues; however, the level of their diagnosis typically does not qualify them as disabled as defined by the State of Illinois."*

While I am sympathetic to their plight, this raises much concern as the Ivy Hill subdivision is home to many small children. An elementary school is just a short block away.

Our presumption of safety within this small subdivision and the welfare of our children would certainly be compromised should such an institution be permitted to inhabit this residential community.

I am profoundly concerned about the immediate and long-term detrimental effect such a facility would impose upon the existing residents of our community.

Furthermore, it is incomprehensible to me how this particular street within our subdivision is appropriate for the needs of this institution. There is no easy access to public transportation. The occupancy would exceed the allowable amount for a single family residence housing unrelated people. There simply does not appear to be any compatibility between the existing neighborhood structure and the insertion of this institution.

Sincerely,

Martin & Linda O'Brien
903 E. Crabtree Drive
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Jeannie [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 11:11 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP)

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June 7, 2021

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Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Johnston
1719 N. Dale Ave.
Arlington Hts.

Sent from my iPhone

Hubbard, Sam

From: Chuck Hume [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 11:20 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Carina Santa Maria
Subject: Shelter location/ Golf Rd

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Hello Sam,
We have been renting our house to Shelter, Inc. since 1997. We are now in the process of selling our property which will make it necessary for them to move. Throughout the past 24 years we have had a great relationship with them and were happy to be able to provide them with a location in the area. They have been outstanding tenants, keeping up the interior and exterior of the building. They have also always been very cooperative when anything arises and the young people residing there have been very respectful.
I think they are an asset to the village and hope they are able to continue to be here in the future.
Sincerely,

Chuck Hume

Hubbard, Sam

From: Diane Mier [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 12:17 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter inc home purchase

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I'm a long time resident of Arlington Heights and I'd like to share my support for the home purchase by Shelter Inc. I understand that some residents might fear the impact this purchase might have on their home value, but I feel strongly that the Village should support this organization in this purchase. With big decisions on the table like use of the racetrack and support of downtown restaurants, this decision seems like a small, positive step for our community in comparison. Please support the home purchase by Shelter Inc.

Diane Mier

Sent from my iPhone

Hubbard, Sam

From: Robyn Pflomm [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 12:19 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter Home

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Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights for over 17 years, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

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Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Robyn Pflomm

2404 E Brockton Court

Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Cynthia Greenwood [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 2:31 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for Shelter Inc. home purchase

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

As a former 38-year-resident of Arlington Heights, who is still a member of Southminster Presbyterian Church in Arlington Heights, I strongly urge your support of the Shelter Inc.'s home purchase for its Transitional Living Program. The residential location is ideal due to its proximity to job opportunities and public transportation. I firmly believe these residents will have a positive impact, not a detrimental one, on the health, safety or general welfare of people working or living in the village.

The Village of Arlington Heights recently paid $31,000 for a 22-page report regarding a proposal to increase the diversity, equity, and inclusion in our village. One of the report's highlighted recommendations was supporting programs such as the TLP. Without the program, we promote homelessness, increase the cost to taxpayers for physical and mental healthcare, and weaken our community. With the Arlington Heights TLP, we empower youth to succeed in becoming neighbors, co-workers, friends, and community members we welcome.

I respectfully ask the Village Board to vote yes on the sale of this property to Shelter Inc.

Thank you,

Cindy Greenwood

Hubbard, Sam

From: JOYCE BIERITZ [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 2:32 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter Inc. Support letter

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After reading the letter from Shelter Inc, I am writing my approval for the purchase of a home for these young people. How can we ever overcome the vast discrepancy between the haves and have nots, if we don't promote and support such programs. It just doesn't make sense to me that someone would object to this chance for those who would benefit most. God bless you in supporting and promoting such a wonderful endeavor, and my best wishes are with this effort.

Joyce Bieritz
Arlington Heights Resident

Hubbard, Sam

From: Linda Waycie [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for Shelter, INC transitional housing home purchase

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Hi Mr. Hubbard,
I wholeheartedly support Shelter's desire to purchase a home in Arlington Heights for youth ages 17-21. As a person of faith, I am called to love my neighbor as myself so loving the homeless teens and giving them the foundation of healthy choices, and life-skills training so that they can be successful, young adults is important to me. Shelter has a sterling reputation in town and does an excellent job in helping people in need. As a town that values diversity, equity and inclusion, then now is our chance to prove that value in a concrete way to Shelter, and to the youth who desperately need our love and help. The residential location is ideally located near job opportunities and public transportation.
Under no circumstances will the use of this property be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity.
Finally, We as residents of Arlington Heights need to address the root causes of teens who need this type of supervision by having homes for them like this one..

I urge the mayor and trustees to do all in their power to allow Shelter to purchase this home.
Linda Waycie
Member Southminster Presbyterian Church, Arlington Heights

Hubbard, Sam

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:36 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter Inc, home purchase

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Hello,
I am writing in support of the purchase of a home by Shelter, Inc, for youth.
I live at 39 South Kaspar in a block where there was a previous home occupied by troubled, handicapped young adult men. I found the experience to be very positive, as did my dog who would be excitedly greeted by the residents. At no time did I ever feel unsafe. I believe those who may object to this just need to be educated about the positive experience that awaits them

Please support this program as it reflects the values that Arlington Heights residents share, including members of my church, Southminster Presbyterian Church.

Sincerely,
Mary Kay Walsh
39 South Kaspar, A.H. 60005

Hubbard, Sam

From: Robert Ciulla [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:46 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support of Shelter, Inc.

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Good Evening,

My name is Robert Ciulla. I am the Program Supervisor for the Salvation Army's, Pathway Forward Program. Pathway Forward is a Federal Halfway House, that currently houses federal offenders are serving the last six (6) to twelve (12) months of their federal prison sentence in a community setting.

I have been in the field of corrections, mental health, and addictions for the past 30 years. Many of the thousands of offenders I have come across in my many years, oftentimes come from broken homes or lack of family support. Statistically, those children who experience lack of structure or family support will oftentimes end up homeless, with an addiction, or find themself involved in the criminal justice system. This cycle must be stopped as these individuals with whom Shelter, Inc. serves are receiving the support, dignity, and respect they deserve.

Shelter, Inc. helps break this cycle for adolescents by providing them with shelter, resources, case management, therapeutic services, and independent living skills. Shelter staff emphasizes and prioritizes education and employment. Shelter, Inc. provides a safe place for their youth who would otherwise be exposed to dangerous and vulnerable situations.

I am very familiar with the mission of Shelter, Inc. and fully support what they do and how they provide their service.

Robert Ciulla, M.S
Program Supervisor
825 N. Christiana Ave.
Chicago, IL 60651
[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Karen Masley-Joseph [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 10:50 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program

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To: Sam Hubbard
Development Planner, Department of Planning and Community Development
Village of Arlington Heights

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success. Some of the reasons I am asking for your support are:

- The TLP provides a benefit
- to our community, putting youths who have experienced significant hardship on a path toward independence and productivity.
- Community services and initiatives
- must strive to be inclusive, meeting the needs of all residents.
- It is critical for the Village
- to have a priority that all residents are supported in achieving their full potential.
- We must recognize the investment
- we make in the welfare of our youth today will impact our community's future success.

As a member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP bolster our community, promote unity, and move us forward with strength and pride.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Karen Joseph
1434 N Mitchell Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Heather Moss <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 11:11 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Fwd: Shelter-Inc letter of support

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June 8, 2021

Hi Sam,

As both a resident of Arlington Heights and a Board member of Shelter-Inc., I am writing in support of the proposed relocation of Shelter-Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP). I've been told there is opposition to the proposal based on the unknown, and as a parent, I understand that. Naturally, fear pulls us the other way as a mechanism to protect our vulnerable children. But it's because I am a parent and I want to support our youth that I joined the Board in the first place. For those who recall, a couple years ago in a nearby town, a young boy was killed at the hands of his abusive parents as he was failed by his community. It was that story that made me realize the importance of agencies like Shelter-Inc. As community members, we have been empowered to make meaningful change to those youth who are without privilege, to support DE&I locally and to embrace the vulnerable that go school, work and live beside us. I ask that you listen to what Shelter-Inc has to say and keep an open mind. Your voice matters.

Sincerely,
Heather Moss

Hubbard, Sam

From: Allison Anderson <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 11:29 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Hayes, Thomas; Baldino, Richard; Bertucci, James; Canty, Mary Beth; Grasse, Nicolle; LaBedz, Robin; Scaletta, John; Schwingbeck, Tom; Tinaglia, Jim
Subject: Support for Shelter's Transitional Living Program (TLP) in Arlington Heights

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

I am a 30-year resident of Arlington Heights and I support Shelter's purchase of a home in Arlington Heights for youth in participate in their Transitional Living Program (TLP).

Shelter has successfully operated their TLP in a leased home since 2012, providing support to young people and their families as they develop life skills, go to school and/or work, and learn how to take responsibility and make good choices. Giving support to youth at this critical stage of their development into adulthood is the embodiment of inclusion. Housing is the foundation of a stable life; without it, no one is able to function or develop to their full potential.

Our Village's support for purchasing a Shelter home here is a way of thanking Shelter for the work they've done thus far, and also an indication of our residents' belief in all of the youth in our community, their worth, and their potential. Purchase of a residence here in our Village will help these young people succeed as members of the community.

Please support Shelter's purchase of a home here.

Sincerely,
Allison Anderson
1804 N Mitchell Avenue
Arlington Heights, IL 60004-3739
[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Daniel C [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 1:17 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Keep the Shelter Transitional Program in Arlington Heights

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Dear Sam Hubbard,

I am a lifelong resident of Arlington Heights and I am asking that the Shelter Transitional Living Program stay in Arlington Heights because of the good work it does and serves the community.

In 1975, Shelter was started as a grassroots movement by our Arlington Heights community for our community to help children in crisis who experienced abuse, neglect, and other traumatic family situations. Today, we ask for your support in the same spirit of neighbors helping neighbors regarding one of our seven programs.

Shelter's Transitional Living Program (TLP) is a two-year program for youths ages 17-21 who are aging out of the child welfare system of which they've been in through no fault of their own. They have been denied basic life-skills education we take for granted, which are necessary for being self-sufficient.

TLP residents voluntarily join the program, understanding it is an opportunity for empowerment, choosing stability over homelessness, job security over poverty, and healthy choices over failure. They continue their education and maintain employment, learning to sustain their independence.

The TLP has successfully operated in a leased home in Arlington Heights since 2012. Due to the owner selling the property, Shelter is working with the Village of Arlington Heights to purchase a new residence that will benefit individuals, families, and our community.

The Village of Arlington Heights recently paid $31,000 for a 22-page report regarding a proposal to increase the diversity, equity, and inclusion in our village. One of the report's highlighted recommendations was supporting programs such as the TLP. Without the program, we promote homelessness, increase the cost to taxpayers for physical and mental healthcare, and weaken our community. With the Arlington Heights TLP, we empower youth to succeed in becoming neighbors, co-workers, friends, and community members we welcome.

Community services and initiatives must strive to be inclusive, meeting the needs of all residents.
The residential location is ideally located near job opportunities and public transportation.
Under no circumstances will the use of this property be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity.
Making it a Village priority that all residents are supported in achieving their full potential is critical.
We must recognize the investment we make in the welfare of our youth today will impact our community's future success.

Thank you,

Daniel Crusius
204 N. Patton Ave.

Arlington Heights, IL
60005
he/him/his

Sent from my iPhone

Hubbard, Sam

From: Karen Souden [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 7:10 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Keep Shelters TLP housing

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As an Arlington Heights resident concerned about the well being of those in need I urge your support for the TLP program of Shelter Inc.
Karen Souden
1349 Luther Lane
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Eisenhuth, Guy <[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 7:33 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Maria Brauer; Carina Santa Maria; John M. Stomper
Subject: Shelter, Inc. Group Home

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Shelter began in 1975 as a grassroots movement in conjunction with Paul Buckholz, then Chief of Police in Arlington Heights, to help children in crisis who were victims of abuse, neglect, and other traumatic family situations. I have been involved with Shelter, Inc. for the past ten years as a Board member, financial supporter, and past President. I currently serve on their Board as Vice President. Today, I ask for your support in the same spirit of neighbors helping neighbors that was the cornerstone of Chief Buckholz' vision that led to the founding of Shelter over 45 years ago.

Shelter's Transitional Living Program (TLP) is a two-year program for youths ages 17.5-21 who are aging out of the child welfare system—a system they had to join through no fault of their own. The hardships that compelled their involvement in the child welfare system have denied them the basic life-skills education we take for granted, skills which are necessary for achieving self-sufficiency.

TLP residents voluntarily join the program, understanding that it is an opportunity for empowerment. In joining TLP, these youths have chosen stability over homelessness, job security over poverty, and healthy choices over failure. They continue their education and maintain employment, learning to sustain their independence and become better prepared to function independently when they age out of the child welfare system.

The TLP has successfully operated in a leased home in Arlington Heights for many years. Due to the owner selling the property, Shelter is working with the Village of Arlington Heights to purchase a new residence that will benefit individuals, families, and our community.

The program improves the lives of young people and strengthens our community. The TLP reduces homelessness and, over time, provides a reduction in the cost to taxpayers for physical and mental healthcare. With the Arlington Heights TLP, we empower youth to succeed in becoming neighbors, co-workers, friends, and productive community members.

In summary, I support the TLP program and urge the Village of Arlington Heights to continue to allow Shelter, Inc. operate a group home in the Village for the following reasons:

- The TLP puts youths who have experienced significant hardship on a path toward independence and productivity.
- The program is most successful when operated in a community group home setting rather than an isolated institutional approach
- The residential location is ideally located near job opportunities and public transportation which allows for opportunities to successfully integrate the program participants into the fabric of the community
- Shelter has a long history of operating successfully in Arlington Heights and the northwest suburbs. They are adequately funded, have a strong and active Board, and a very effective management team and organizational infrastructure. Under no circumstances will the use of this property be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity. On the contrary, participation in the program

will reduce the aforementioned detrimental effects since the youth are monitored and encouraged as they progress through the program
- Community services and initiatives should be inclusive, meeting the needs of all residents. The TLP program is in harmony with the recent establishment of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiative recently undertaken by the Village of Arlington Heights
- TLP supports the Village priority that all residents be supported in achieving their full potential.
- The investment we make in the welfare of our youth today will pay dividends in terms of our community's future success.

Thank you for your support and participation in making Arlington Heights a community of which we can all be proud!

Guy W. Eisenhuth
Chairman
Village Bank and Trust
a Wintrust Community Bank

234 W. Northwest Highway
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
[redacted]

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Hubbard, Sam

From: Kontos, Megan <[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 8:20 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter Inc

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Hi Sam,

My name is Megan, and I am an Associate Board member supporting Shelter, Inc. Although I am not an Arlington Heights citizen, I grew up in Mount Prospect and currently live in Palatine (so I am quite familiar with the area). I have spent a lot of time in Arlington Heights, been a patron to many organizations and speak highly of the area overall.

Arlington Heights is a beautiful neighborhood and a highly sought after place to live in the Chicago suburbs. This is the kind of community that the TLP will thrive in. I understand any initial hesitations from citizens, but I hope they recognize all the good work that Shelter is doing for their community. In providing a home to the TLP group, Shelter also offers a community for TLP members to belong to. I hope the city and citizens of Arlington Heights see this as an opportunity to offer a hand and build a culture of inclusion within the town.

Thank you for all you are doing and hope this helps!

Megan Kontos
BHR, Global Commercial
[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Jim Valentine <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 7:02 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter Inc Home purchase

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Greetings!

Just want to give my support for the purchase of a home in VAH for Shelter Inc to use for their residents. This is a great program and this home would be really helpful for their work!

Thank you for considering this!

Jim Valentine

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Jim Valentine
Congregational Operations Officer
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1234 N. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
[redacted]

June 8, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

I have been a resident of Arlington Heights for the past 15 years and I've always taken great pride in my town. However, there is an issue on the table that is of real importance and requires the continued commitment of our Village, and I must speak out to be sure I can remain a proud citizen.

Shelter, Inc. is an outstanding organization and one that I have been following with interest for quite some time. Their contributions to our area are considerable. They have been providing much needed services and support to families and individuals in need, including youngsters, who are absorbing the skills and life tools required to overcome earlier adversities and become the fully confident, self-sufficient citizens that they strive to be and that Shelter Inc. has long fostered.

Shelter's Transitional Living Program (TLP) requires a good location in our village in order to continue its successful work here with youths who are gaining strong footing on this path toward a promising future. The currently-chosen location is ideally situated near job opportunities and public transportation. Under no circumstances will the use of this property be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity.

Social services such as Shelter Inc.'s TLP program fosters diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride. Arlington Heights is being asked to continue to play a positive role in achieving the important goals of the organization and of those that depend on it. If not us, Mr. Hubbard, who? If not now, when?

Thank you very much for your attention in this matter and, I am hoping, for your support in enabling Shelter Inc. to continue its service within our community here in Arlington Heights.

Sincerely,

Katherine B. Cunningham

800 W. Rand Road, #C205
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

June 8, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

I have been a resident of Arlington Heights for over 12 years and involved with Shelter, Inc. for the last 8 years and currently serve as the Board President of this organization. I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village.

The late Arlington Heights Deputy Police Chief Paul Buckholtz founded Shelter, Inc. nearly 50 years ago because he wanted to help neglected children in his community. Since 1975, our programs have made a significant positive impact on children in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of our success.

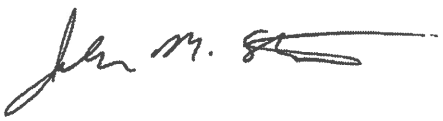
It is our responsibility as a Village to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. As part of the TLP program, these youth, who voluntarily join the program, learn life skills to help them transition to independent living. They continue their education and maintain employment while in the TLP program and we better prepare them to function independently when they age out of the child welfare system.

Mayor Hayes often says Arlington Heights is a village of "good neighbors." I agree that we are and we should be doing all we can to help neglected and abused children right here in our community. TLP has been a part of Arlington Heights since 2012. Due to the current owner selling the property where the TLP home is located, we are working with you to secure a new residence where we can continue this vital program. We need to give these youths a home where they feel where they can safe, learn to live independently, and become productive members of the community.

The TLP program supports the Village's priority that all residents be supported in achieving their full potential and it is in harmony with the recent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative that we, as a village, have undertaken. Now is the time to put those words into action.

I strongly urge the commission and trustees to support the approval of the special use permit.

Sincerely,



John M. Stomper

1238 N. Illinois Ave.

June 8, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a member of the Board of Directors of Shelter, Inc., I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in Arlington Heights. Growing up in the area, I was unaware of the need for organizations like Shelter, Inc. and programs like TLP. I never thought children in the Arlington Heights area were impacted by abuse or trauma. Since getting involved with Shelter, Inc. 3 years ago, I've seen the enormous impact the organization has on the lives of the children it serves. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



John J. Comiskey

Hubbard, Sam

From: jj piontek <[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 8:54 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Keep Shelter Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) in Arlington Heights

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I have been a lifelong resident of Arlington Heights and am proud to be a resident of "The City of Good Neighbors." The recent efforts to increase the diversity, equity, and inclusion in our village are commendable. Arlington Heights has had a successful partnership with Shelter, Inc.'s (TLP) in the past and there is no reason to believe that Shelter's purchase of a new property in Arlington Heights would change any of the positive benefits this program provides. This long-standing program is a shining example of diversity, equity and inclusion in Arlington Heights. I urge you to support this purchase.

Sincerely,
Julia Piontek

June 8, 2021

Mr. Sam Hubbard

Dear Sam,

As a resident of Northgate in Arlington Heights, I am writing to state my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. My home is just minutes away from this site and I have already driven around the area. You might remember that I am also a member of the School District 21 Board of Education for 28 years and very involved in our community. Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children for over 46 years and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a very committed and involved member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride. This particular site seems very well suited to the program. The area has multi-family homes and this TLP would have possibly 10 residents. They would not have cars so they do not add to congestion. The program is staffed 24/7. The residence is walking distance from many amenities such as jobs, restaurants and a major grocer. Thus, it is an ideal spot for the Shelter Inc TLP. I look forward to speaking to the project at the Plan Commission tomorrow.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Arlen

Arlen S. Gould

502 E. Bur Oak Drive

Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004

[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Phaona Rodriguez <[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 9:39 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Transitional Living Program

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Hello Sam Hubbard,
As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP bolster our community, promote unity, and move us forward with strength and pride.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Phaona Gray-Rodriguez
213 S. Dryden Pl, Arlington Heights

Hubbard, Sam

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 10:08 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter in Arl. Hts.

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

As a long-time resident of Arl. Hts., I would like to offer my support in purchasing shelter for those in need in Arl. Hts. Around one year ago, a shelter for 3 women with developmental disabilities was purchased on Miner St. in a very lovely residential neighborhood. My son and his wife whose home is located across the street for this shelter were very welcoming and grateful that their neighborhood was now being shared with those in need. All of the homes next door to and surrounding this shelter home have a starting worth of $350,000 to $600,000. All of these neighbors have been supportive and very welcoming.

This is the attitude that exemplifies what Arlington Hts. is all about—change and diversity. We residents of Arl. Hts. can be an example for other communities in the Northwest Suburban area. I visited the shelter home on Miner St. and was so impressed with the care for its residents and property. This home was in meticulous condition and has remained this way. I drive to my son's home daily and always look with pride, love and joy this shelter has brought to all of our hearts.

Please pursue more shelters in Arl. Hts.—we can be leaders in defeating the fears –that hold back supporting these shelters.

"A community is judged on how it treated the least in its midst."

Sincerely,

Doreen and Tony Jannotta
1415 E. Central Rd.
Arl. Hts., IL. 60005

[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Patricia Crusius [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 10:14 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter, Inc's Transitional Living Program in Arlington Heights

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Dear neighbors and decision makers on the village board,

I have become aware that Shelter Inc currently needs to relocate their Transitional Living Program, due to the owner of their leased space selling the house. Shelter Inc is now seeking a purchased home in Arlington Heights to continue doing the good work they have been doing with 18-21 year old disadvantaged men, nurturing them and giving them independent living skills.

I would be in favor of helping Shelter Inc continue to be a positive resource in Arlington Heights for those, who through no fault of their own, "age out" of foster care and need help transitioning, to finish their education and work on job related goals, becoming self sufficient contributing members of our community.

Especially in light of the recent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion study that the Village has done, this long-standing program should not be sidelined! People should not be afraid of the existence of such a helpful program, but rather the lack of such a program. We need to live up to our motto of being a city of good neighbors. This is especially true after such a difficult year of the pandemic when so many needs arose in our community and everywhere.

Sincerely,

Patricia Crusius
204 N Patton Ave
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

Hubbard, Sam

From: Sandralyn Bourseau <[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 10:53 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter's Transitional Living Program

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Mr. Hubbard,
As a fifth-generation resident of Arlington Heights, I'm so pleased to learn that Shelter Inc. Is purchasing the home it has had for its Transitional Living Program here in our village. What better community than ours to help nurture these young people as they launch to adulthood. Hopefully by living here they will learn to love this community as so many of us do and stay around to contribute to our future.
I understand that you will be receiving many letters describing the value of this program to the youth involved and to our village. Please give all the reasons careful thought, always keeping in mind that our village has the strength and heart to be truly inclusive, truly good neighbors.
Best,
Sandy Bourseau
151 W. Wing, St.
Arlington Heights, IL

Hubbard, Sam

From: Christian Gajda <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:18 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Letter of support for shelter-inc TLP

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

My name is Christian Gajda, and I am an 18 year old youth currently placed at Shelter's Transitional Living Program. My younger brothers and I were placed in DCFS care in August 2020 due to both of my parent's substance abuse issues and abusive treatment to us. My brothers were placed in foster homes; however, it was challenging to find me a foster home that would accept me simply because of my age. I was placed at Shelter's emergency shelter while my caseworker continued to search for a permanent placement for me. I was recommended for a TLP, and Shelter's TLP interviewed and accepted me. I moved into the TLP on February 24, 2021.

I was raised in Lake Forest, IL and previously attended Lake Forest High School. I add that information because many people want to believe that DCFS youth all come from "inner city Chicago", however, I am far from it. In fact, the other five youth in our TLP did not come from Chicago either. We all came from the suburbs, and none of us have a "street mentality". With Shelter's TLP being in Arlington Heights, we can live in a setting that we have all been familiar with and feel safe. We can attend good schools and receive a good education. We can get good jobs where we can learn to save and budget our money appropriately. The Shelter staff are very involved with each of us here, and they teach us how to cook, clean, make medical appointments, take care of ourselves, apply for jobs, create resumes, and open bank accounts. We are responsible for chores in the home and making sure we keep our bedrooms clean. I have a caseworker here that is very involved with me and the other kids. She is in constant contact with our schools, monitors our employment, and holds staffings with us to set our short-termgoals in order to work towards our long-term goal of independence. I have a therapist that meets with me weekly, and she holds therapeutic groups every other week with all of us. There is staff available to us and supervising the home 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If someone were to ask me what it means to be here at Shelter's TLP, I would have to say that it means so much to me to have people believe in me and help me to become independent since my parents are not there to help me with this. I am not a bad kid. I am a kid whose parents aren't there for me now to teach me and help me with what I need to know.

Sincerely,

Christian Gajda

Sent from my iPad

Hubbard, Sam

From: Tricia Udelhofen [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:28 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: TLP

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Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights for 22 years, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.
As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride. Please help us keep this program available to all who need it.
Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Tricia Udelhofen

1829 N. Forrest Ln.
Arlington Hts. Il. 60004

Warm Regards,
Tricia Udelhofen
Sent from my iPhone

Hubbard, Sam

From: Michele Hilgart [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:44 AM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success. It is just one of the many reasons that I personally support Shelter Inc. financially each year.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP bolster our community, promote unity, and move us forward with strength and pride.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Michele L Hilgart
1148 N Hickory Ave

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Lose up to 15 pounds in 21 Days. A simple nutrition plan and 30 minute workout is all it takes. Ask me how!

Hubbard, Sam

From: Cari Wilkins [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 12:21 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Cari Wilkins
Subject: Support for TLP

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June 9, 2021

Dear Mr. Hubbard,

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As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride. I feel very strongly that this is a resource our community needs to offer these special humans.

Thank you for your work managing through all of the pieces of this. If you would like to talk please reach out at any time. My cell is [redacted]

Sincerely,
Cari Wilkins
312 South Derbyshire Lane
Arlington Heights

Cari L. Wilkins (she|her|hers)
Vice President, Analytics
4 Overlook Point, Lincolnshire, IL
[redacted]

In·clu·sion (n.) *in-'klü-zhen*\
Inclusion is a sense of belonging: feeling respected, valued for who you are; the achievement of a work environment where all colleagues can do their best work, have fair and equal access to opportunities and resources and can contribute fully to the organization's success.

June 9, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

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Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

_____Anna Wilkins_____

Name

_____

Address

312 S Derbyshire lane, Arlington Heights IL 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Judy Sanders [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 12:34 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter inc support letter

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June 9, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

I am writing to support Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Arlington hts. I have lived here my whole life attending all the district 25 and 214 schools.

If you have any questions please call me [redacted]

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Judy Sanders
214 West Lillian Ave
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: gretchconnects [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 1:22 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for Home in Arlington Heights for Shelter

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I support the sale of a home in Arlington Heights to Shelter, INC.
Gretchen Mahin
[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Lexi Christensen [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 1:27 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter Inc. TLP to remain in Arlington Heights

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Dear Sam,

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As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP bolster our community, promote unity, and move us forward with strength and pride.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Alexis Christensen
906 N. Stratford Rd.,
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Viatorians
ADORETUR ET AMETUR JESUS
IHS

June 9, 2021

Dear Mr. Hubbard,

We are residents of Arlington Heights. Our religious congregation, Clerics of St. Viator, was established here over 60 years ago. We have a long history of serving youth through our ministry at Saint Viator High School.

Called to minister to youth "accounted of little importance," we enthusiastically support Shelter's desire to purchase a home in Arlington Heights for its Transitional Living Program.

As you know, Shelter has successfully operated such a home in the area since 2012. Such a home is crucial for at risk young people and their families. Instead of turning away from these youth and their families, Shelter embraces them and provides much needed services to ensure stability and grounding for a promising future.

As Arlington Heights examines how it can become a more welcoming and inclusive community, this proposal by Shelter offers such an opportunity. By approving Shelter's request, the village acknowledges the tremendous work of this organizations and its committed staff. It also acknowledges the dignity of these youth and their families.

It is our hope and prayer that the Village Board will grant permission for Shelter to proceed with the purchase of a home in Arlington Heights to continue its much-needed services.

Sincerely

Fr. Corey Brost, CSV
Br. Michael Gosch, CSV
1212 East Euclid Avenue
Arlington Heights, IL 60004-5747

Hubbard, Sam

From: Tracz, Cristy [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 1:47 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter, Inc.

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Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

In addition, I am a teacher at River Trails Middle School in Mount Prospect, and we have donated to Shelter, Inc. over the past few years from the money raised at our all school carnival.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride.
Thank you for your attention.

Cristy Tracz
1613 N Chicago Ave
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

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June 6, 2021

Dear Sam Hubbard,

As a resident of Arlington Heights, I am writing to express my strong support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success.

As a committed member of our community, I consider it both a responsibility and a privilege to empower others to become self-sufficient, enable them to overcome their challenges, and reach their fullest potential. Social services such as the TLP foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, promote unity, and moves us forward with strength and pride.

The Village of Arlington Heights recently paid $31,000 for a 22-page report regarding a proposal to increase the diversity, equity, and inclusion in our village. One of the report's highlighted recommendations was supporting programs such as the TLP. Without the program, we promote homelessness, increase the cost to taxpayers for physical and mental healthcare, and weaken our community. With the Arlington Heights TLP, we empower youth to succeed in becoming neighbors, co-workers, friends, and community members we welcome.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Kelly Barash

1811 N Waterman Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Hubbard, Sam

From: Christina Crusius [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 2:21 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Shelter, Inc Transitional Living Program

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Dear Village Decision Makers and Neighbors,

I am writing to share my support for keeping the Shelter, Inc Transitional Living Program within the Village of Arlington Heights. This 46 year old program fills an important need in our community, supporting young adults who have aged out of child welfare services, such as foster care, and preparing them to make a successful transition to independent adulthood as productive members of our community.

Recently, this program has needed to relocate, as the space they have been leasing has been sold by the owners. Shelter, Inc has been going through the process of securing a new space within the village.
I am disappointed to learn that this relocation process has received pushback from our community.

On a personal note, I have cousins who are alumni of the foster care system. Both had a very difficult transition to adulthood, and one is currently homeless. I can't help but wonder if their stories would have looked different, had they had access to a program like this in their community.

What's more, if we are committed to following through with the recommendations of the recent DEI study, keeping this program is key. Programs that support the vulnerable in our community and work to prevent homelessness create a stronger and more equitable community.
Further, we are proud to be the City of Good Neighbors. In my faith tradition, a man asks "who is my neighbor?" He learns that neighbors are not limited to those who share status, identity, or circumstances in common. Rather, being a neighbor is about showing mercy to the vulnerable. This is the definition of good neighbor that I dream we live up to as a village.

In this moment, I would challenge my fellow community members and leaders to not limit their definition of neighbor. Let us instead be neighbors to these young adults by continuing to allow them to receive supports they need to successfully thrive within our community.

Sincerely,

Christina Crusius
she/her/hers

204 N Patton Ave,
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
26 year resident
[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Palffy Christina [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 2:46 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Subject: Support for Shelter, Inc TLP

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Dear Mr. Hubbard,

I am a lifelong citizen of Arlington Heights currently owning the home at 1319 E. Eton Drive on the north end of the Village. I am writing to express my support for Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in our Village. I have been proud of my friends and neighbors living in Arlington Heights and our leadership's desire to increase diversity equity and inclusion in the village. Allowing TLP to stay in Arlington Heights is an opportunity to do just that.
For 46 years, Shelter's programs have made a significant and life-saving impact on children and families in need, and the TLP has been an outstanding example of their success. I am a high school teacher and know from experience with students that programs such as the TLP are integral to the success of young adults as they transition to independent life. The vast majority of the young adults in Arlington Heights benefit from emotional support after high school. The young adults in the TLP do not have this support from parents through no fault of their own. TLP can help them to develop the skills needed to complete their education, be gainfully employed and overall be productive members of our community.

Please help our Village remain an example for other communities in helping those who need us most. The investment in the welfare of these young adults is something for Arlington Heights to be proud of. There is nothing in this proposal that would be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the citizens living and working in the vicinity of the TLP. I am confident that the Village leadership understands the importance of this opportunity and will act accordingly.

Thank you for your attention. I would be happy to discuss this topic with anyone related to the issue.

Sincerely,

Christina Palffy

[redacted]

Hubbard, Sam

From: Kathy Kowitz [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 3:00 PM
To: Hubbard, Sam
Cc: Kathy Kowitz
Subject: ***Voicing my support for Shelter, Inc's Transitional Living Program to remain in Arlington Heights!!!

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From: Kathryn H Kowitz
Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021
Subject: ***Voicing my support for Shelter, Inc's Transitional Living Program to remain in Arlington Heights!!!

Dear Village Board of Arlington Heights,

I am a resident of Arlington Heights, and I am writing today to voice my support for Shelter, Inc's Transitional Living Program (TLP) to remain in Arlington Heights! I am also writing to request your support, also, for Shelter, Inc's TLP to remain in Arlington Heights!

The reasons for my support of Shelter, Inc's TLP to remain in Arlington Heights are many:

* I strongly support diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our Village of Arlington Heights recently paid $31,000 for a 22-page report regarding a proposal to increase the diversity, equity, and inclusion in our village. One of the report's highlighted recommendations is supporting programs such as Shelter, Inc's TLP. Without Shelter, Inc's TLP, we promote homelessness, increase the cost to taxpayers for physical and mental healthcare, and weaken our community. With Shelter, Inc's TLP in Arlington Heights, we empower youth to succeed in becoming neighbors, co-workers, friends and community members we welcome.

* Shelter, Inc's TLP has successfully operated in a leased home in Arlington Heights since 2012. Due to the owner selling the property, Shelter, Inc is working with the Village of Arlington Heights to purchase a new residence that will benefit individuals, families, and our community.

* Community services and initiatives must strive to be inclusive, meeting the needs of all residents.

* The residence that Shelter, Inc is working to purchase in Arlington Heights is ideally located near job opportunities and public transportation.

* Under no circumstances will the use of this property be detrimental to the health, safety, morals or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity.

I urge the Arlington Heights Village Board to support Shelter, Inc's TLP to remain I in Arlington Heights!

Sincerely,
Kathryn H Kowitz
1316 N Harvard Ave
Arlington Heights IL 60004

Sent from my iPad



Shelter, Inc

CONCEPTUAL PLAN REVIEW

PLANNING COMMISSION

VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

JUNE 9, 2021

Shelter, Inc

Our mission is to end the cycle of abuse by providing a comprehensive network of support to children, their families, and our community to create safe, healthy, and nurturing homes.

Transitional Living Program (TLP)

Shelter, Inc. has been in our community since 1975 and was founded by a former Arlington Heights Deputy Police Chief who saw youths being neglected and facing homelessness.

Shelter, Inc is requesting a Special Use Permit for the property at 207 E. Valley Lane in Arlington Heights

A two-year program for youths 17-21 who are aging out of the child welfare system and need help to achieve self-sufficiency by becoming active contributors to our community. With Shelter, Inc., they learn:

- Financial Literacy and Budgeting
- Health and Wellness
- Life skills such as cooking and laundry
- Building healthy relationships
- Education and Employment

Accountability

A Shelter staff member must be on-site and always awake. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) mandated that we have one staff person on-site for every six (6) residents, 24 hours a day. Therefore, if both units are occupied, there is a dedicated staff person for each unit. Additional staff is on-site as needed to provide other resources to the residents, i.e., counseling sessions, case management.

Shelter staff must conduct and document a check on all residents at least once an hour. This includes the overnight hours and bedroom checks. All monitoring must be recorded in daily logs and shift notes. These notes document which youth are present in the home, when a youth enters or leaves, and where they have gone. These notes are shared/emailed at the end of each shift to all TLP staff to ensure they are familiar with the activities and whereabouts of each youth.

Security cameras will be installed throughout the property.

Every TLP resident must receive, sign, and abide by the TLP Youth Handbook and Resident Contract forms, including the rules and regulations for the home.

Accountability (continued)

Each youth is required to sign a contract that outlines the rules and expectations for the TLP. Residents over the age of 18 are allowed to leave the home for work, school, or personal reasons. The TLP has a curfew, even for youths over 18, which is 12 am. If they are not back by 1:00 am, we are legally required to file a missing person's report with DCFS.

Youths are also required to have at least $500 in their bank account at all times—meaning they must be employed, maintain a job, and carefully spend their money.

Each youth is allowed to attend overnight visits with family and friends; however, they are expected to fill out an overnight form that indicates the name, address, and phone number of who they will be visiting and when they will return. If a youth has not completed one of these forms, not returned to the program curfew time, and staff cannot reach them on their cell phone, staff are instructed to file a missing person's report with the police department. The DCFS missing person unit is notified.

Before acceptance into the program, each resident is screened and interviewed. The TLP does not accept any youths required to register as sex offenders, whether juvenile or adult.

Our Commitment to Safety

- Continued conversations with AHPD to make any accommodations needed
- Clinical Program
- THINK Trauma Agency
- CPI Trained and Certified



Special Use Criteria

That said special use is deemed necessary for the public convenience at this location.

In an ever-changing world, more than ever, the public needs access to strong, vibrant, community-based institutions. Shelter, Inc. began in 1974 as a grassroots community initiative in Arlington Heights to provide temporary care for children who had been abused, neglected, or who required supervision due to a family emergency.

The Transitional Living Program for which the applicant seeks this special use permit will provide a vital service to the community by supporting youths aged 17½ to 21 who are aging out of the welfare system. This is an important institution that contributes to the overall welfare of the local community by helping a very vulnerable population transition to responsible adulthood.

The location is ideal for this special use because it is on the edge of a residential area, directly adjacent to a Chase Bank and numerous other commercial establishments that will provide job opportunities for the residents within a short walking distance.

That such case will not, under any circumstances of the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety, morals or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity.

It is the opinion of the applicant that the special use will not, under any circumstances be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity.

The use will be largely unnoticed by the surrounding community as it is a residential use. The exterior of the building and the driveway will not be altered. There will be no exterior signage. The residents do not have cars and therefore the number of cars present at any given time will be minimal, usually two.

The Transitional Living Program is staff supervised 24 hours per day to ensure the safety for the program residents as well as the surrounding community. There will always be one staff person per unit in this two-family business.

That the proposed use will comply with the regulations and conditions specified in this ordinance for such use, and with the stipulations and conditions made a part of the authorization granted by the Village Board of Trustees.

As a two-family residential building, bordering on commercial property, the property is well-suited for the requested special use.

The program will comply with all of the regulations and conditions specified in this ordinance for such use, and with the stipulations and conditions made a part of the authorization granted by the Village Board of Trustees.



Variation Criteria

The proposed use will not alter the essential character of the locality and will be compatible with existing uses and zoning of nearby property.

The proposed use does not alter the essential character of the locality because a shelter care home is a residential use. The property consists of a two-family house, on the edge of a residential district, bordering on a Chase Bank and other commercial uses.

Program residents can step out of the front door, turn left, walk a few feet to Arlington Heights Rd., and turn left to access these businesses, all of which may provide employment opportunities for the young men in the program. The requested variation is ideal in that it ensures no alterations to the exterior or driveway.

There will be no external signage.

The plight of the owner is due to unique circumstances, which may include the length of time the subject property has been vacant as zoned.

The present owner has attempted to sell the property on an off since August 2018 with no success until the applicant's offer which is contingent on zoning approval. The property is undesirable as a residence because of its proximity to commercial development. However, this makes it very attractive to the applicant.

This variation, to reduce the number of parking spaces from 10 to two, preserves the residential character of the property. Two spaces are sufficient for Shelter Inc.'s purposes because there are two staff persons in the building at a time and the residents don't have cars.

The proposed variation is in harmony with the spirit and intent of this Chapter.

It is the intent of the Chapter includes promoting and protecting the public health, safety, morals, comfort and general welfare of the people. The proposed variation is in harmony with the spirit of the Chapter in that it provides the community with a needed service of a supervised transitional program that will help teens transition to responsible adulthood, and it maintains the residential character of the property.

The variance requested is the minimum variance necessary to allow reasonable use of the property.

The code requires 10 parking spaces for a Shelter Care Home use. However, that would alter the character of the property.

This particular use does not require 10 spaces, because two staff persons only require two parking spaces.

Although we are not allowed to count tandem spaces, there are also two garage spaces that could accommodate a rare additional care for short durations.

It is the policy of Shelter, Inc. to not allow residents of this program to have cars. They don’t need cars because they have work opportunities within walking distance of the property.

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RESIDENT CONTRACT

The Shelter, Inc. TLP program offers residents the opportunity to achieve educational and vocational goals while residing in a home setting, under the support of staff, and under the umbrella of a child welfare agency. Shelter, Inc. TLP seeks to assist residents in working on and achieving their educational, vocational, and life goals. Support (in the form of casework, therapy, staffing, assistance with life skills and groups) is regularly offered to help residents obtain their individual goals. Residents are expected to take advantage of these services and to demonstrate effort towards their goals. Residents work to better their own lives with skills and tools which they can gain through the TLP program.

This lease serves to outline the basic expectations of the TLP program:

1. **TERMS:** Residing in the Shelter, Inc. TLP program requires a commitment to work towards vocational, educational and independent living goals. Biweekly tasks will be identified in conjunction with residents which help them to develop their overall goals. Allowance is distributed based on completion of the biweekly tasks (see allowance section).

2. **PAYMENT:** The ability to pay monthly rent is a big responsibility in learning to be independent. Regular payment can build credit, failure to pay rent can result in an unstable housing situation. Residents do not have rental payment obligations at the TLP, but staff will frequently discuss and educate residents on budgeting, financial literacy and money management. At the beginning of each month, a proposed budget form is turned into the caseworker.

3. **FINANCIAL LITERACY**: Independence relies on the ability to earn income and manage personal finances. Each resident is required to work with the caseworker to complete financial literacy training which focuses on budgeting and financial skills. It is expected that financial literacy will be completed by the scheduled final DCIPP at 20.9 years old.

4. **SECURITY DEPOSIT**: At intake, the resident will complete an initial 'lease agreement' on which he will identify his goals while residing at the TLP.

5. **ONGOING SECUIRTY DEPOSIT**: Once employed, the resident is required to submit paystubs and verification in order to track and support the youth's employment. Copies of bank statements will also be required in order to help the youth monitor personal savings (separate from the emancipation funds) and determine appropriateness and readiness for an Independent Living Program. Paystub verification is needed for DCFS purposes as well for the Employment Incentive Program funding.

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6. **ALLOWANCE**: Residents will receive $25 allowance every other week for the first 30 days of the program. Following this probation period, a spend down will begin on allowance (see TLP spend-down plan). Allowance distribution is directly aligned with completion of 4 weekly tasks. Tasks not completed on day of staffing are given until Thursday for completion. On Thursday, if tasks and additional chores are completed, then full allowance can be earned.

    a. **4 BIWEEKLY TASKS**
        i. **Vocational:** Each resident is expected to obtain and maintain employment. They will have a biweekly vocational task to align with their personal vocational goal. Staff assists residents in understanding the need for employment in order to financially meet their living needs.
        ii. **Educational:** It is a requirement that a high school diploma/GED will be obtained. Community college/trade school and other training opportunities are strongly encouraged to help youth advance their education. Staff will assist the resident in setting small educational goals (i.e. FAFSA application, college application, college visits) in order to achieve the overall goal.
        iii. **Independent Living:** Each resident is expected to keep their room clean and to help out with the household chores to teach independent living skills and healthy responsibility.
        iv. **Life Skill:** Each resident is expected to work on such things as cooking, grocery shopping, budgeting, savings, medical/dental/vision appointments, etc. The staff will assist the resident in identifying areas that need more guidance and support and then assist the resident to achieve these skills.

7. **UTILITIES:** Utilities are covered for the program residents. The resident is required to have a phone. The resident will receive a monthly stipend to be used towards the purchase of a cell phone and plan. Personal phone plans are entirely the responsibility of each resident (see TLP phone contract). The phone stipend is distributed one time per month to each resident at the beginning of each month. The resident has the right to deny these funds and request that these funds be placed directly into his emancipation account. These funds are included in the spend down plan.

8. **OCCUPANTS:** Up to 6 residents may live in the Shelter, Inc TLP. There are 2 residents per bedroom. Only residents are allowed in the bedrooms for safety and privacy of our youth. Guests must follow the guest policy and sign in and provide identification at the office. No food is allowed in the bedrooms.

9. **PETS:** No pets are allowed on the premises. For those interested, please enjoy the view of the llamas, chickens, goats and ducks from the back window.

10. **NOISE:** Shelter, Inc. TLP houses up to 6 residents. The resident agrees not to cause or allow any noise or activity on the premises which might disturb the peace and quiet of another resident and/or neighbor. Failure to follow this term of the lease may result in fine, removal of equipment, etc.

11. **CURFEW:** We follow the community expectations of curfew, which are based on age. If you are under 18 years old, you are expected to be onsite at 11:00pm. If you are over 18 years old, you do not have a community-based curfew. However, you are expected to respect your house mates and maintain a calm and quiet environment after 12:00am and through the overnight shift (11pm-7am). We expect everyone to be back on site at 12:00am unless prior arrangements have been made and/or the youth is at work. If you are not on site at 12am and/or did not make prior arrangement of which you informed the TLP staff, you will be reported AWOL per DCFS request. If you know that you will be staying overnight somewhere, you will need to fill out an overnight form with the staff prior to leaving. Overnight forms are not to be used in place of a later curfew.

12. **EMPLOYMENT:** Ability to work and care for oneself is imperative to independent living. Additionally, DCFS offers the Employment Incentive Program option which offers $150 per month for up to 12 months so long as the resident has graduated from high school and works at least 80 hours per month. Once a resident obtains employment, he is required to submit verification of his employment and pay stubs to the Caseworker.

13. **MEDICAL:** Personal health is the foundation for a healthy life. Full participation is expected in scheduling and attending medical appointments (including initial nursing assessment, yearly physicals, vision and dental exams).

14. **TLP QUARTERLY TRANSITION/DISCHARGE STAFFINGS:** Ongoing progress and effort toward one's goals is paramount to success in the Shelter, Inc. TLP. Residents are required to attend quarterly scheduled staffings with the Clinical Director, Caseworker, Treatment Coordinator, and DCFS Monitor to assist them in remaining on target for goal completion.

15. **DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY:** The Shelter, Inc. TLP is a shared home. Destruction thereof or the property will result in fines being deducted through allowance.

16. **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:** A well maintained home displays pride and comfort for residents. Property will be properly maintained per the house guidelines.

17. **EVICTION FROM PREMISES:** If a youth's case is closed by agreement or court order prior to the youth turning 21 years old, the youth must vacate the premises immediately. The youth will be expected to remove all personal belongings the same day the case has been closed. The agency will not be responsible for storing the personal items or paying for a mover or storage unit. If the items have not been removed within 7 days of the case being closed, the agency will discard all items with no reimbursement to the youth.

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RESIDENT HOUSE CONTRACT: LEASE AGREEMENT

Youth Name: _____ **Date:** _____

The purpose of Shelter Inc. Transitional Living Program is to prepare residents for emancipation from DCFS. In order to achieve a successful emancipation, I agree to work on skills of independence while residing at the Shelter, Inc TLP.

I would like to accomplish the following while at TLP:

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How TLP staff can help me accomplish those goals:

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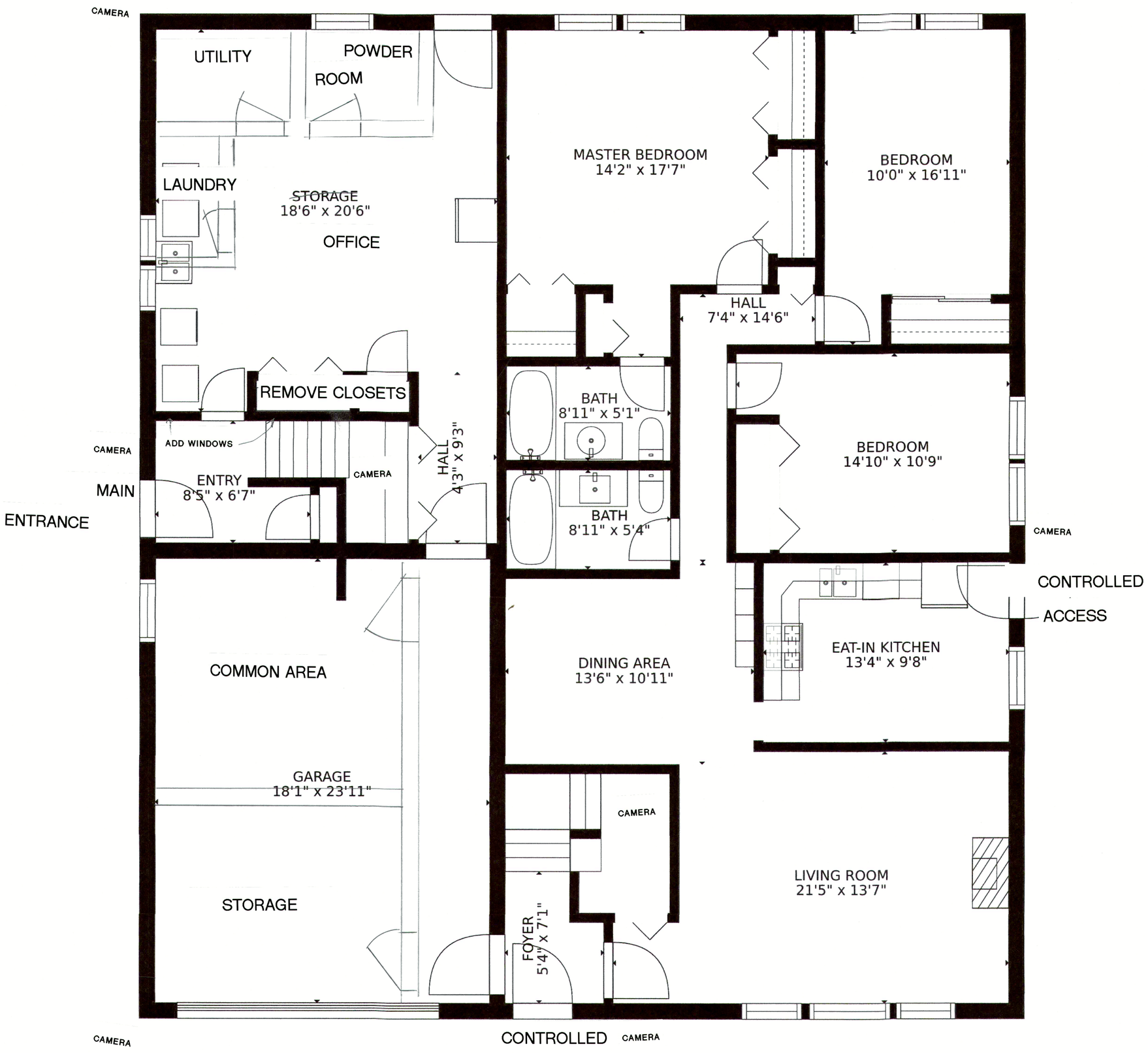
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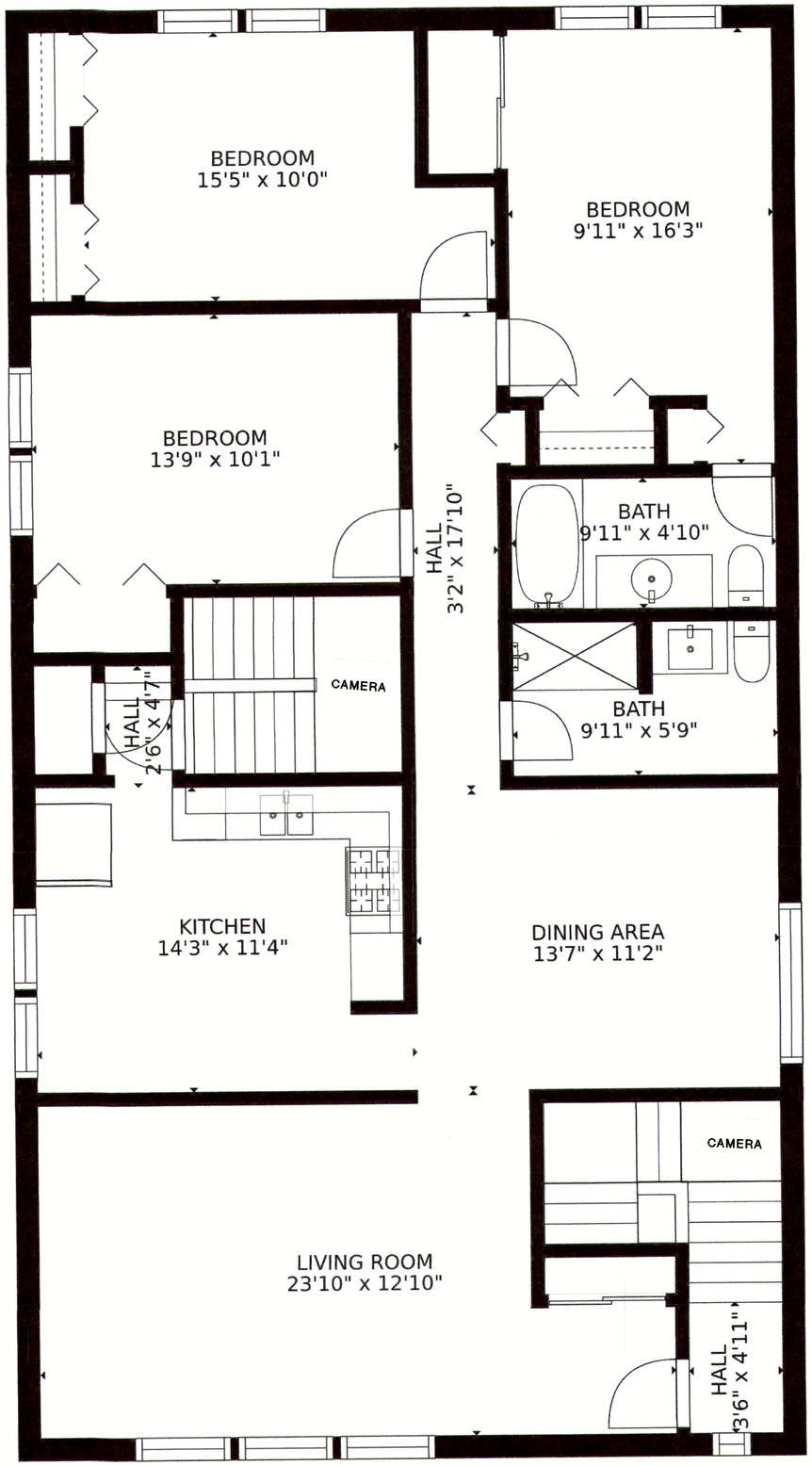


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2nd floor

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Transitional Living Program Handbook



Congratulations on being accepted to our program! We encourage you to take advantage of all that we have to offer. You have been presented with a unique opportunity and we anticipate that you will take advantage of the opportunities that this program will create for you. In the following pages, specific topics will be discussed which include educational information, employment information, transportation schedules, as well as rules and expectations. Please read everything carefully, as it will answer many of the questions you might have.

General Information	People To Know	Program Expectations
Basic information that will assist you in making this placement a productive one!	A list of Shelter, Inc. faculty and staff.	A brief guide that explains in detail the general rules and expectations of the TLP program.
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Shelter, Inc.'s Transitional Living Program (TLP) is a program for young males, ages 17 1/2 to 21. Our program provides a house setting where youth can learn to be more independent. We can accommodate up to 6 young men at a time, for the duration of 12 to 18 months each. This TLP offers a safe environment with many local resources and opportunities as young men prepare to be increasingly more self-sufficient and continue to grow towards independent adulthood. While residing in Shelter, Inc.'s TLP, youth are to work towards graduating from high school or completing a GED. Youth are also to obtain employment, have active and open checking/savings accounts, and treat the house and program with respect.

Our experienced and professional TLP Team will strive to motivate youths and facilitate the learning of basic living and social skills such as:

- Creating a resume
- Obtaining and maintaining employment
- Advancing your education to obtain a high school diploma, GED, or college credits
- Developing interpersonal relationships and socialization skills
- Menu planning, grocery shopping, and meal preparation
- Accessing and maintaining medical, dental, and vision care
- Obtaining and maintaining checking and savings accounts, money management
- Establishing credit
- Financial Literacy



Our program provides:

- Housing
- Temporary Income Support
- Career Preparation/ support
- Educational Assistance/ support
- Purpose and success driven in-house mentoring
- Educational mentors
- Access/transportation to medical, dental, and vision care
- Mental health/ well-being counseling
- Caseworker services
- Transition to independent living

General Information

Transitional Living Program (TLP) services include casework and other supportive services that assist you with completing your secondary education (high school graduation or GED), developing basic self-sufficiency skills, establishing or re-establishing legal relationships, as well as building permanent connections with committed adults. This program also prepares youth for college, emancipation/launch, and/or an Independent Living Program (ILO).

AT A GLANCE

Program Purpose

To prepare young people for transition to an Independent Living Program (ILO) or launch

Program Criteria

- Between ages 17 1/2 to 19 upon entry
- Participation in secondary education
- Permanency goal of independence
- Willingness to participate in counseling as recommended
- Willingness to work on skills towards independence

Staff will work with you to assess your competencies and skills in several domains using The Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment and the ILO/TLP Life Skills Assessment after admission. As your strengths and needs are identified, a plan for developing and strengthening your skills will be created and incorporated into your discharge plan. Skills and competencies are to be addressed in the following areas:

- Employment and education
- Food management and cooking
- Medical/mental health care
- Personal care and health
- Money and time management
- Public transportation
- Recreation
- Independent and social skills
- Community resources and other services
- Developing a positive support system and healthy relationships

Vocational Development

This TLP Program is also designed to assist you in all aspects of your vocational development including but not limited to:

the processes of obtaining employment, resume and cover letter development, interviewing, basic work ethics, understanding your paycheck, maintaining job employment, etc.

We will help you determine where to find employment, teach you decision making strategies, how to set goals, learn communication skills, personal exploration/self-evaluation, career/vocational exploration, and counseling. We will work on maturity skills, performance evaluation, basic job application competition, writing, and oral skills.

Staff Directory

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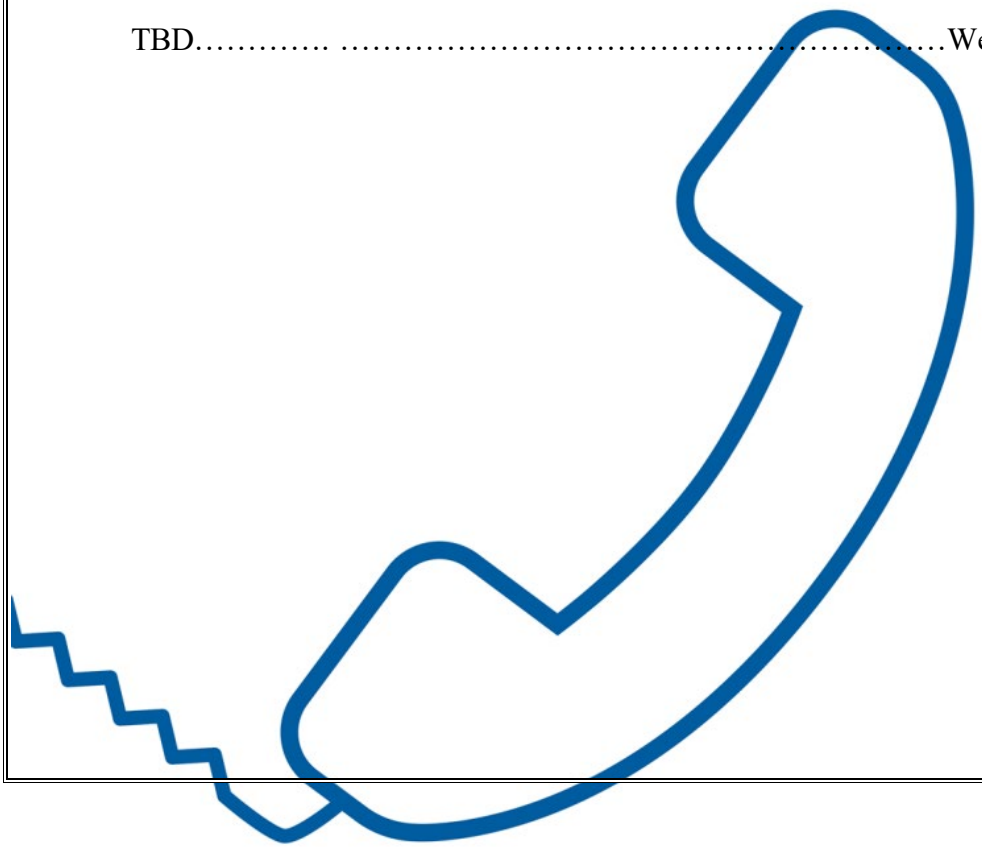
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Bi- Weekly Staffings

Shelter, Inc. staff holds meetings every-other week in the TLP house. These meetings are for you to check in with the staff about your well- being, work, school, etc. You will also be required to set 4 goals for yourself that you will work towards accomplishing over the next two weeks. If you accomplish 3 out of the 4 goals, you will receive an allowance based on the DCFS Spend Down Plan (see page 7). If you do not meet your goals, your allowance will be put into your emancipation fund. This is also the time to receive your grocery, phone and clothing checks, and transportation funds.



The bi- weekly staffing dates are posted on your personal calendars, located in the dining room, and in the TLP office. If you have missed a staffing for any reason other than work or school, you will have to request a new staffing in writing by Wednesday afternoon to the Program Coordinator.

• Request forms are located on bulletin board in dining room.
• Your staffing needs to be scheduled with Shannon Carter.
• You may receive your grocery check and allowance (if applicable) only after you complete the rescheduled staffing.
• You may receive a portion of your grocery check before completing your staffing. You will receive the rest after completing the rescheduled staffing.

Dates	Age	% Held	Amount Held	Amount Given	Groceries	Allowance	Clothing	Phone	Transportation
	17.5	0%	$0	$477.00	$216.00	$55.00	$55.00	$43.00	$108.00
	18	2.5%	$11.93	$465.07	$210.60	$53.62	$53.62	$41.93	$105.30
	18.25	5%	$23.85	$453.15	$205.20	$52.25	$52.25	$40.85	$102.60
	18.50	7.5%	$35.79	$441.21	$199.80	$50.87	$50.87	$39.77	$99.90
	18.75	10%	$47.70	$429.30	$194.40	$49.50	$49.50	$38.70	$97.20
	19	12.5%	$59.63	$417.37	$189.00	$48.12	$48.12	$37.63	$94.50
	19.25	15%	$71.55	$405.45	$183.60	$46.75	$46.75	$36.55	$91.80
	19.50	17.5%	$83.47	$393.53	$178.20	$45.38	$45.38	$35.47	$89.10
	19.75	20%	$95.40	$381.60	$172.80	$44.00	$44.00	$34.40	$86.40
	20	20.5%	$97.78	$379.22	$171.72	$43.73	$43.73	$34.19	$85.85
	20.25	30%	$143.10	$333.90	$151.20	$38.50	$38.50	$30.10	$75.60
	20.50	35.25%	$168.14	$308.86	$139.86	$35.61	$35.61	$27.85	$69.93
	20.75	35.5%	$169.33	$307.67	$139.32	$35.48	$35.48	$27.74	$69.65
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Option # 1—Spend down plan based on 7/1/20 new DCFS contract

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	18.25	10%	$47.70	$429.30	$194.40	$49.50	$49.50	$38.70	$97.20
	18.50	15%	$71.55	$405.45	$183.60	$46.75	$46.75	$36.55	$91.80
	18.75	20%	$95.40	$381.60	$172.80	$44.00	$44.00	$34.40	$86.40
	19	25%	$119.25	$357.75	$162.00	$41.25	$41.25	$32.25	$81.00
	19.25	30%	$143.10	$333.90	$151.20	$38.50	$38.50	$30.10	$75.60
	19.50	35%	$166.95	$310.05	$140.40	$35.75	$35.75	$27.95	$70.20
	19.75	40%	$190.80	$286.20	$129.60	$33.00	$33.00	$25.80	$64.80
	20	45%	$214.65	$262.35	$118.80	$30.25	$30.25	$23.65	$59.40
	20.25	50%	$238.50	$238.50	$108.00	$27.50	$27.50	$21.50	$54.00
	20.50	55%	$262.35	$214.65	$97.20	$24.75	$24.75	$19.35	$48.60
	20.75	60%	$286.20	$190.80	$86.40	$22.00	$22.00	$17.20	$43.20
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Option # 2—Spend down plan based on 4/1/20 agency plan



SPEND DOWN PLANS

Youth have the option to pick between the 2 offered spend down plans. This will be reviewed with you and the caseworker. Option 1 allows for more money "in hand" for the youth, while Option 2 allows the youth to put more money into their savings/emancipation account. You will be asked to sign a form once you select which plan works for you.



Who is hiring?



Possible Employment Opportunities in the Area

Jewel- Osco
1860 S Arlington Heights Rd
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
(847) 593-1730

Starbuck's
1808 S Arlington Heights Rd
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
(847) 640-2779

Dollar Tree
89 W Golf Rd
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
(847) 354-7974

Pet Supplies Plus
67 W Golf Rd
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
(847) 364-1177

WalMart
1460 Golf Rd.
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
(847) 734-0456

Meijer
1301 Meijer Dr.
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
(847) 690-1500

Lowes Home Imporvement
990 W Algonquin Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
(847) 637-4240

Andy Frain Security
761 Shoreline Drive
Aurora, IL 60504
(630) 820-3820

Aldi
550 E Golf Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
(855) 955-2534

McDonald's
45 E Golf Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
(847) 427-8773

O'Reilly's Auto Parts
75 W Golf Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
(847) 758-9539

Chipotle Mexican Grill
1211 W Golf Rd.
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
(847) 439-2530

Panera Bread
1321 Golf Rd.
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
(847) 593-3601

Noodles and Company
1327 Golf Rd.
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
(847)981-1175



Going to College

TLP staff is committed to assisting in pursing the education of your choice.
Here is what we will do:

- We will provide counseling and support to apply, enroll, and complete the most appropriate and realistic academic and vocational programs for you.
- We will assist you to identify and apply to appropriate internships and apprenticeships.
- We will assist you in applying for financial aid.
- We will assist in budgeting for classes, books, and miscellaneous fees.
- We will provide you linkage to tutoring services, homework assistance, or any kind of educational support needed, insuring you are preforming at your optimal academic level.
- We will assist you to identify opportunities made available to you in and through higher education.
- We will even assist you with your homework!



Going to college can be expensive, but we will make sure that you have everything in place to help you finance your education. Here's a list of scholarships that are available to you right now:

Youth in College - A placement option for youth under DCFS guardianship attending an accredited vocational school, community college or four-year college at full time status. The youth receives a monthly grant payment (board) and money for books if they are not covered by financial aid grants.

Community College Payment Program- Allows youth under DCFS guardianship, enrolling in an Illinois community college, the opportunity to have their in-district tuition, fees, and books paid by DCFS if they are not paid by financial aid grants. Payment requests can be submitted for vocational training programs that are part of the community college curriculum. Requests for out-of-district and prior fiscal years' tuition will not be approved.

Youth in Scholarship (YIS) Program- Provides current and former youth in care with a tuition and mandatory fee waiver at Illinois state-funded universities and community colleges, a medical card, monthly grant, and money for books if not paid by financial aid grants.

Gear up- A federal discretionary grant program designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. GEAR UP provides grants to states and partnerships at high-need middle and high schools. State grants are competitive matching grants that must include an early intervention component designed to increase college attendance and success and raise the expectations of low-income students.

TRIO Program- Federal outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes eight programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post baccalaureate programs. TRIO also includes a training program for directors and staff of TRIO projects.

Alternative Schools Network- Enables youth who are eligible for public school to re-enter schools and obtain a high school diploma or GED and participate in mentoring and other programs.

Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation- Provides legal support to ensure that children and youth in DCFS can receive timely and appropriate special educational services. Primarily assists case workers and caregivers in cases in which children and youth (1) should be receiving appropriate special educational services and are not or (2) have been placed in special education services inappropriately.

Illinois Student Assistance Commission – Provides free information to Illinois residents on funding available for their college education.

Therapy

At Shelter, Inc., you will have access to an individual therapist. It is recommended that you meet with them on a weekly basis. There will also be a variety of groups held each week that you may attend. Based on your behavior and mental health, the Shelter, Inc. team will determine if you are required to participate in therapy and groups.

Topics to discuss in therapy:

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Substance use
- Trauma
- Friendship issues
- Family troubles
- Communication
- Self esteem
- Negative thoughts
- Future planning
- Anger management
- Problem solving
- Healthy relationships
- Boundaries



Community Resources

TLP services include 24 hour on-site supervision. TLP staff are residential advisors whose primary function is supporting you to learn skills and develop relationships to increase your chances for success in adulthood.

Emergency Services
Arlington Heights Police Department
200 E. Sigwalt St. Arlington Hts., IL 60005
(847) 368-5300

Arlington Heights Fire Department
2000 S. Arlington Heights Rd. Arlington Hts., IL 60005
(847) 368-5450

Northwest Community Hospital
800 W. Central Rd. Arlington Hts., IL 60005
(847) 618-1000

Health & Wellness
Access at Northwest Community Health Clinic
1120 N. Arlington Heights Rd. Arlington Hts., IL 60004
(847) 342-1554

McNelis Family Vision
2010 S. Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Hts., IL 60005
(847) 621-0633

Buffalo Grove Excel Eye Care
113 McHenry Rd. #108
(847) 478-9091

First Family Dental
1235 N. Rand Rd. Arlington Hts., IL 60004
(847) 259-8888

Job Training
Illinois Department of Employment Security
723 W. Algonquin Rd. Arlington Hts., IL 60005
(800) 244-5631 OR (866) 322-8357

Public Transit
METRA Station – Arlington Heights
45 W. Northwest Highway Arlington Hts., IL
(847) 253-6365
www.metrarail.com

Pace Suburban Bus
550 Algonquin Rd. Arlington Hts., IL 60005
(847) 364-8130

Legal
Cook County Circuit Court
2121 Euclid Ave. Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
(847) 818-2000

Education
Harper College
1200 W. Algonquin Rd. Palatine, IL 60067
(847) 925-6000

Rolling Meadows High School
2901 Central Rd. Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
(847) 718-5600

Township High School District 214
2121 S. Goebbert Rd. Arlington Hts., IL 60005
(847) 718-7600 Fax: (847) 718-7645

Joseph Academy
1101 Gregory St. Des Plaines, IL 60016
(847) 803-1930 Fax (847) 803-8669

Jen School
1150 North River Rd. Des Plaines, IL 60016
(847) 390-3020

Mental Health
Alexian Bros. Behavioral Health
1650 Moon Lake Blvd. Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
(800) 432-5005

Kenneth Youth Center
1001 Rohlwing Rd. Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
(847) 524- 8800

Streamwood Behavioral Health
1400 Irving Park Rd. Streamwood, IL 60107
(630) 837-9000

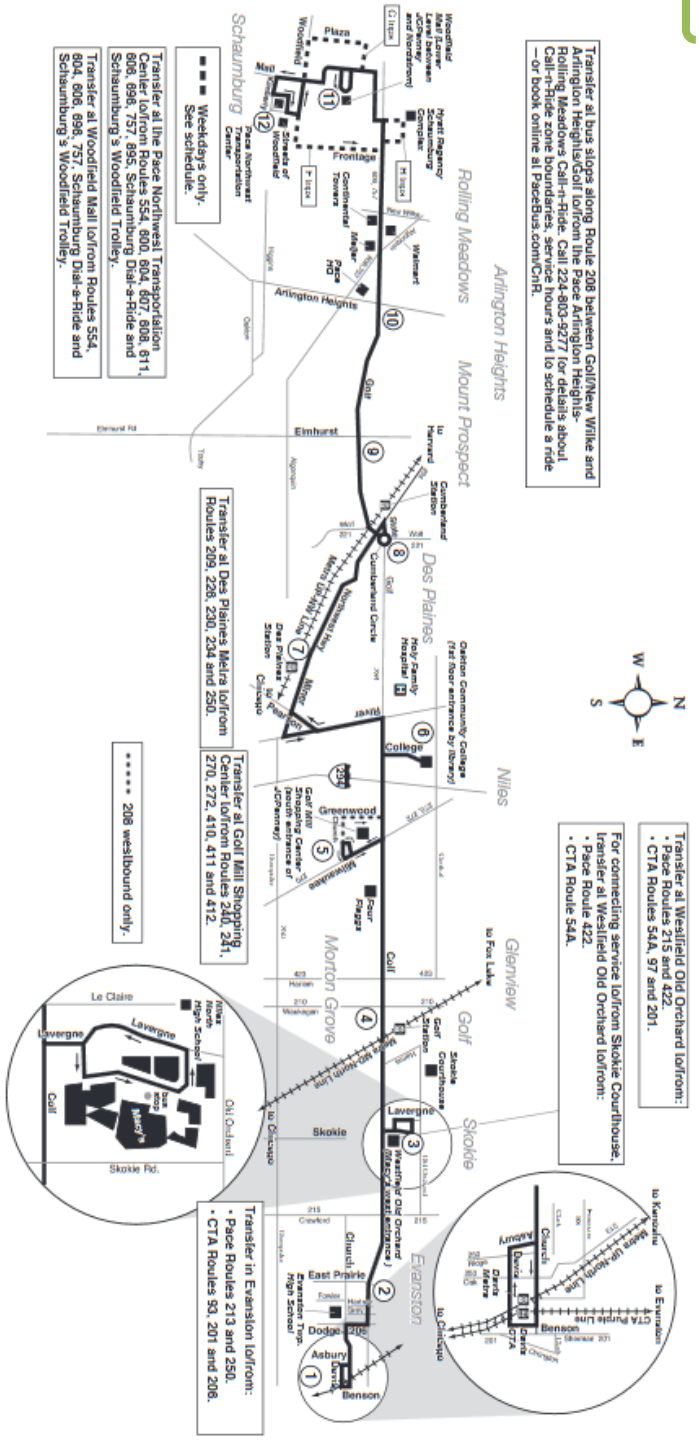
Library
Arlington Heights Memorial Library
500 N. Dunton Ave. Arlington Hts., IL 60004
(847) 392-0100

We are:
(208)- Golf/Arlington Heights and (606) - Algonquin/Arlington Heights

Pace Bus and Schedule

Website- www.pacebus.com
App- Ventra

Pace Bus Route 208 Map



WEEKDAY WESTBOUND

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ROUTE 208 GOLF ROAD

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Pace Bus Route 208 Weekend Schedule

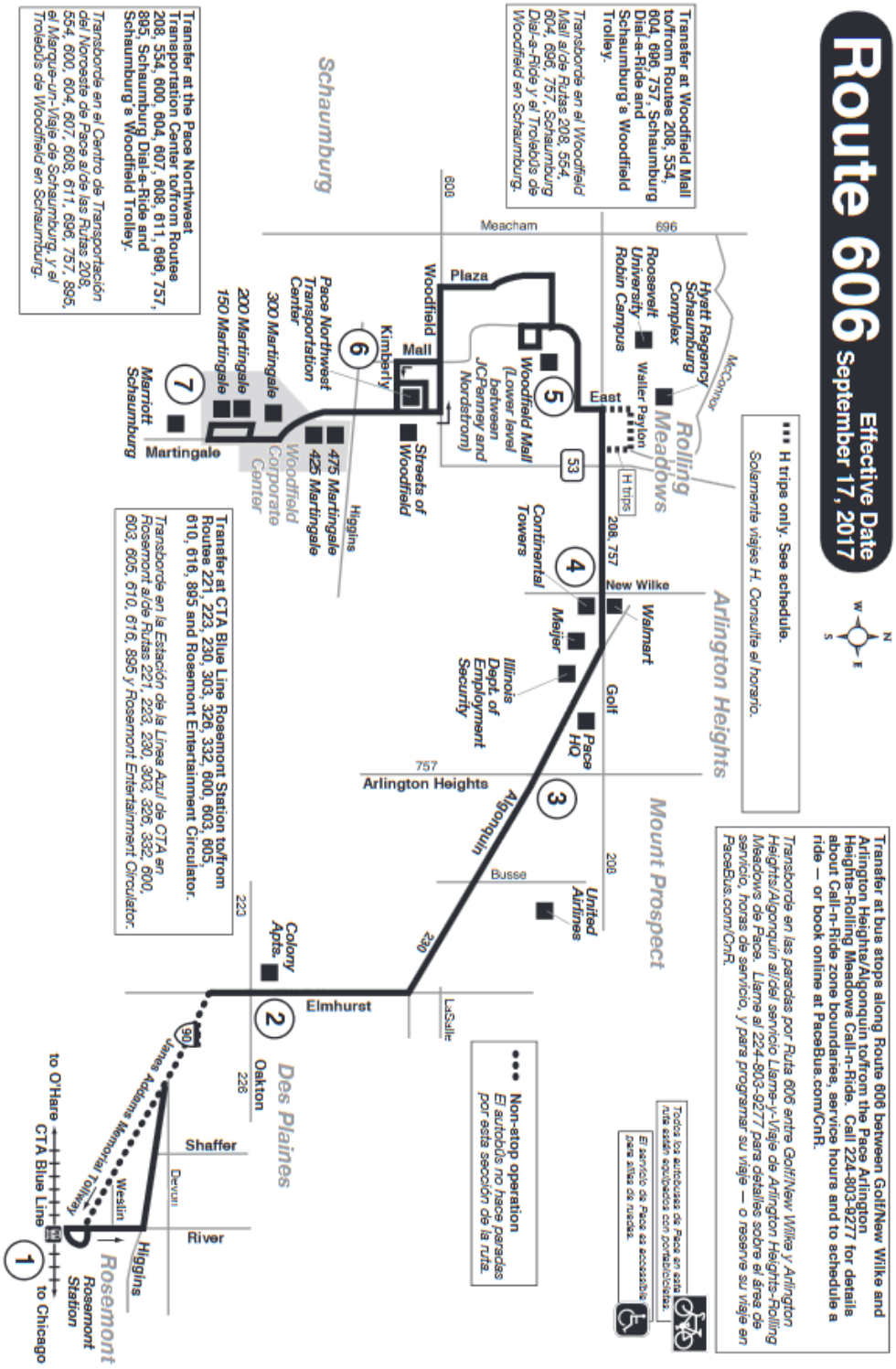
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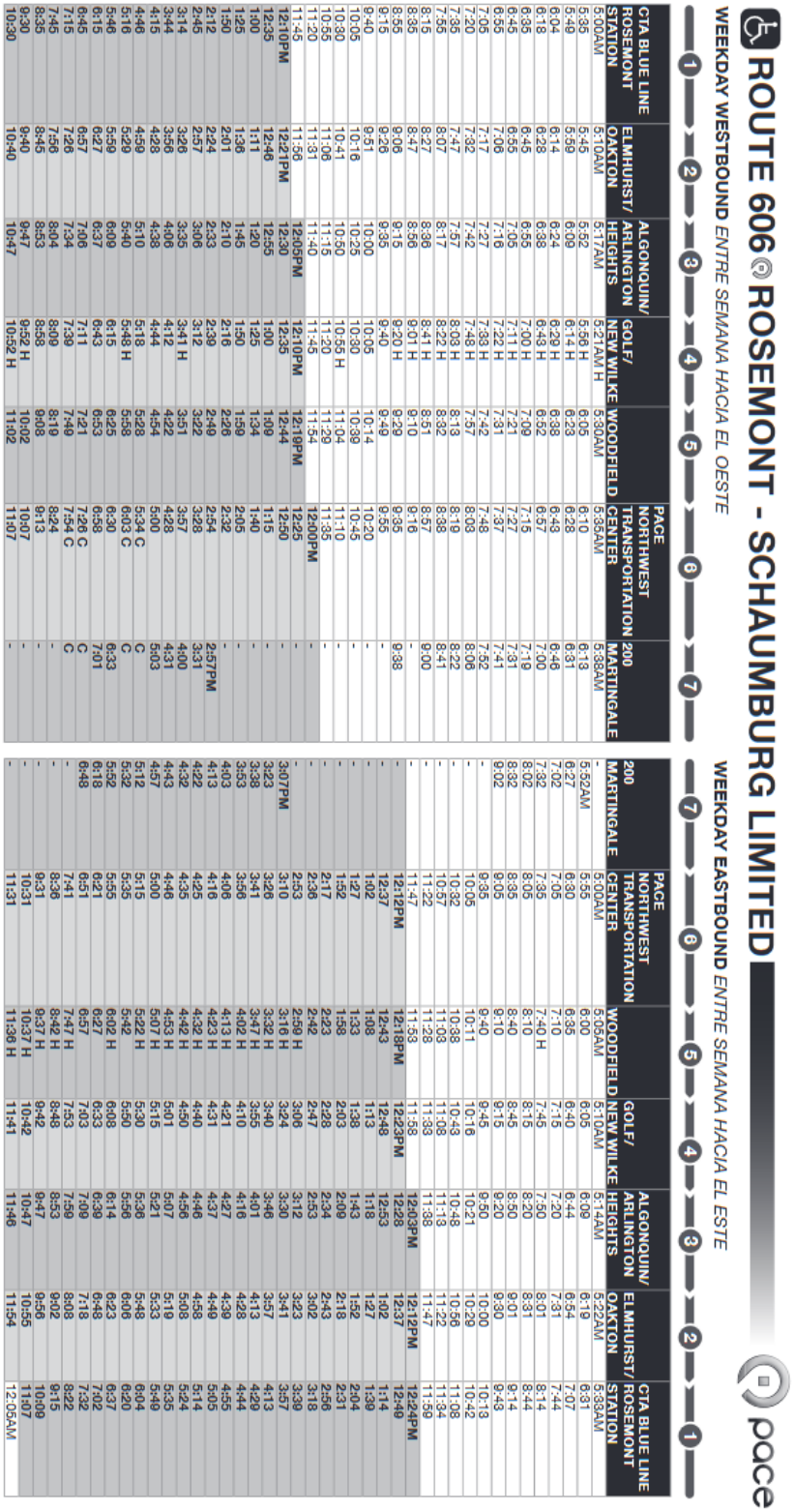
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Pace Bus Route 606 Map



Pace Bus Route 606 Weekday Schedule



ROUTE 606 ROSEMONT - SCHAUMBURG LIMITED

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WEEKDAY WESTBOUND *ENTRE SEMANA HACIA EL OESTE*

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Pace Call-n- Ride/ On Demand



Pace Call-n-Ride (now known as Pace On Demand) offers reservation-based, shared-ride service in 11 designated service areas throughout the suburban region. All you have to do is book online or call to reserve your trip at least one hour in advance, and pay with Ventra ($2.00 per trip) or cash ($2.25) when boarding.

Online reservations are now available for the Arlington Heights - Rolling Meadows Call-n-Ride, the Batavia Call-n-Ride, the Round Lake Area Call-n-Ride, the Vernon Hills-Mundelein Call-n-Ride, the St. Charles-Geneva Call-n-Ride and the Southeast Aurora Call-n-Ride.

Visit Pace's online reservation website to create an account and start booking your trips online.

Arlington Heights - Rolling Meadows Call-n-Ride
224-803-9277
Weekdays, 6:10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Youth Bill of Rights

Shelter, Inc. is a community-based, licensed, child welfare agency. Shelter, Inc. is committed to respect the rights of the youth and families we serve. Everyone has the right to be treated with dignity, honesty and respect. If you are a youth in the care of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, you have the following rights and responsibilities.

You have the right to:

- Be protected from physical, emotional and sexual abuse and/or neglect;
- Be told why you came into DCFS care and why you are still in DCFS care;
- Participate in the decisions concerning you and your future;
- Be placed in the DCFS care that can best meet your needs;
- Be placed with your brothers and sisters if it is possible and if DCFS believes it is in your best interests;
- Talk and visit with your parents, brothers, sisters, relatives and other people important to you unless the judge or your caseworker thinks it is not in your best interest;
- Ask for help if you ever feel that decisions made are not the best for you;
- Be visited by your caseworker at least monthly;
- Be listened to, respected and heard;
- Get the medical attention you need, this includes regular medical, dental and eye exams;
- Go to school;
- Participate in school, religious, cultural and other activities;
- Have a plan for a permanent living arrangement after you leave DCFS care, and to take part in developing and committing yourself to this plan; and
- Receive enough to eat and enough clothing, as well as a monthly allowance for your personal expenses.

You have a **right to have representation** in court. This means that:

- You have the right to have a lawyer;
- The guardian ad litem (GAL) will represent you in court, not your parents or DCFS or the court. Your GAL makes sure that your best interest is taken into account when the judge makes decisions that will affect you and your future;
- You have the right to speak with your court representative any time that you feel there is a need;
- You can have an interpreter to help you if you have trouble hearing or understanding English;
- People in court should extend the same professional courtesy to you that they extend to an adult. Your concerns and opinions should be heard;
- You should not be made to feel bad about yourself because of the words or actions of any person in the court system; and
- You can ask questions and keep asking questions until you understand what is happening.

You have the responsibility to:

- Tell your caseworker or foster parent or other caretaker when things are not going right for you;
- Tell your caseworker or adult you trust when you feel that you are in danger of abuse or neglect;
- Go to school; and
- Follow your part of the Service Plan.

See bulletin board in house for complete list of rights, per DCFS.



To report suspected child abuse or neglect, call 1-800-25-ABUSE (252-2873)
DCFS Info and Assistance 800-232-3798 / 217-524-2029

General Program Expectations

Employment- You will be expected to immediately seek out, obtain, and maintain employment and/or participate in volunteer programs/ projects for the duration of your residence at this TLP. You are expected to fully participate with any and all vocational plans that have been determined for your transitional needs. You must maintain consistent employment in order to be considered for ILO programs.

Education- You will be expected to attend all educational meetings/classes and fully participate in any and all educational plans that have been developed with you. You must obtain a high school diploma or equivalent in order to be considered for ILO program.

Healthcare services- You will be expected to participate in a medical screening with the Shelter, Inc. nurse within 72 hours of placement. Within 30 days of moving in, you will be expected to schedule an appointment to update your medical, dental, and vision records, if necessary. It will then be your ongoing responsibility to maintain regular medical, dental, and vision appointments regarding check-ups and follow up care.



Clinical services- You will be expected to participate in all treatment/case management planning, quarterly transition meetings, bi-weekly staffings, etc. to assist in developing the best transition plan for you.

Legal (Criminal and DCFS)- You will be expected to attend and participate in all court dates and any legal matters, as well as, fully participate in any and all tasks as assigned and/or order by the court.

Home management/housing-You will be expected to maintain your personal space/belongings and contribute to the overall maintenance of the common areas of the TLP. You will be expected to keep your personal belongings stored appropriately in your room. A rotating schedule of your daily chores will be posted each week. You will be expected to clean up after yourself and return/put away any personal and/or program items/ equipment immediately after use. You will be expected to attend scheduled house meetings. You will be expected to respect privacy and keep noise to minimum.

Food management-You will be provided with the monthly supplementary funds which will be reduced over time through the Spend Down Plan. The TLP expectation is that you will gain employment and provide for yourself as much as possible. You will be expected to demonstrate appropriate meal planning and budgeting skills. Staff will work with you in the development of food management life skills which include but are not limited to: understanding nutrition, menu planning, following recipes, comparison shopping, cooking simple meals, and cooking complex meals.

Transportation, community resources, recreational resources- Staff will give you as much time as you need to effectively utilize public transportation. That means learning how to read train and bus schedules and how to use a map to find a destination. When appropriate, staff will also assist you in

participating in a driver's education program, achieve your learning permit for driving, and achieve your driver's license. To support you in learning to manage your leisure time, we will also work with you to research and identify appropriate recreational and community resources to participate in. There is also a work out room on the TLP site with weights, boxing bag, and other equipment. This TLP also works closely with the Arlington Heights Park District which gives youth an opportunity to participate in programs/classes offered by the Park District, free of charge.

Offsite visits- Visits are allowed and encouraged. We believe that youth should maintain healthy relationships with family and other support systems. We will assist you in identifying, maintaining, and contacting these healthy support systems. Youth will need to inform staff prior to leaving about where they are going, who they will be with, contact information, and how long they will be gone. If you intend to do an overnight visit, the overnight form must be filled out fully with all required information and submitted for approval with staff.

Onsite visitors- Overnight and/or in-room guests are not allowed at any time. Guests may visit in the common areas and must present a valid state ID. Guests must sign in when entering the TLP residence and/or if they are staying outside on Shelter, Inc. property. The visitation hours are listed in the house. No guests under the age of 18 are allowed on the TLP site unless it's a family member of the youth residing in TLP. The minor must be accompanied by a legal guardian.

Case management- You will be expected to meet weekly with your case worker to check in regarding services and planning. Your case worker is your link to anything regarding DCFS regulations, court proceedings, and personal hobbies. Address any questions or concerns regarding your welfare and well-being to your case worker. You are responsible to contact your case worker if you need immediate help with any of your casework.

Curfew- We follow the community expectations of curfew, which are based on age. If you are under 18 years old, you are expected to be onsite at 11:00pm. If you are over 18 years old, you do not have a community-based curfew. However, you are expected to respect your house mates and maintain a calm and quiet environment after 12:00am and through the overnight shift (11pm-7am). We expect everyone to be back on site at 12:00am unless prior arrangements have been made and/or the youth is at work. If you are not on site at 12am and/or did not make prior arrangement of which you informed the TLP staff, you will be reported AWOL per DCFS request. If you know that you will be staying overnight somewhere, you will need to fill out an overnight form with the staff prior to leaving. Overnight forms are not to be used in place of a later curfew.

Clinical- You are expected to participate in weekly individual therapy sessions and therapeutic groups. You will develop an individual treatment plan with your therapist to address clinical needs. If needed, you will be referred to outside services (i.e. psychiatric, substance abuse), in which you will follow their given recommendations.

Substance abuse- It is expected that you refrain from any use of alcohol or drugs while you are residing at TLP. There is a zero tolerance policy for alcohol or drugs on TLP property. If determined necessary, legal interventions will be used. If youth displays symptomology of substance abuse or dependence, substance abuse treatment may be recommended.



Policies and Procedures
Smoking Policy

1) Shelter, Inc. is a non-smoking facility and smoking is **prohibited** in all Shelter, Inc. facilities and/ or Shelter, Inc. property.

2) All smoking materials found by the TLP Staff in or around facility will be immediately confiscated and discarded with **no reimbursement.** This will include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, vape pens, E-cigs, E-juice/liquids, loose tobacco, lighters, matches, paraphernalia, etc.

3) All smoking materials may be turned into the TLP Staff office in order to be stored in a secure space.

4) Youth may request these items from staff in order to use off of the property. Upon returning to the house, youth must return the materials to be locked in the TLP office.

5) Youth must smoke at least 15 feet away from the TLP home.

6) Smoking materials should be discarded appropriately.



Room Search Policy

Shelter, Inc. staff reserves the right to search your room at any time, without prior notice given. Room searches may be done on a weekly basis. During a room search, staff will confiscate and discard any illegal substances, paraphernalia, harmful items, etc. Staff also reserves the right to contact police if needed.

If you have any questions as to whether your items are allowed on the property, do not hesitate to ask a TLP staff member.

Some examples of items that have been confiscated in the past are:

- *Marijuana*
- *Vape pens*
- *Bowls/pipes*
- *Knives*
- *Cigarettes/cigars*
- *Tools*
- *Sharp objects*





Laundry

A washing machine and dryer are located in the kitchen of the TLP house. Each youth will be assigned one day a week to complete their laundry, with an additional day for all youth to wash their bedding, if needed.

If there are clothing and other items left in washing machine/dryer/kitchen for long periods of time, staff will discard the items.



Bedroom Cleaning Policy

1) Each youth is responsible for the cleaning of their own bedroom which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

   No clothing or items on the floor; laundry washed and folded in drawers or hung in the closet; shoes neatly placed in closet or under bed; no garbage/trash left anywhere in the bedroom; no dirty dishes, dirty utensils, food wrappers, soda bottles/cans; garbage cans emptied on a regular basis; bed made; clean bed linens; items on top of dresser or nightstand neat and organized; floor swept and mopped.

2) If the youth's bedroom is not clean by the Wednesday of each week, the youth will receive a verbal warning from the TLP staff that they will have 24 hours to clean their bedrooms.

3) If the youth's room remains messy and unacceptable after the 24 hour period, TLP staff will then bag all items found on the floor and place them in the TLP basement.

4) The youth will have the opportunity to earn their belongings back by cleaning the bedroom to agency expectations and completing an extra chore in the home.

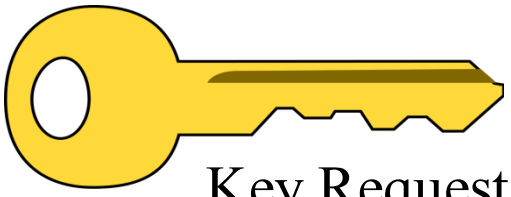
5) If the youth still does not clean the bedroom following the verbal warning and removal of items on floor, the agency will seek to hire cleaning services to then come in to clean the youth's room.

6) The youth will be responsible for the payment of these cleaning services, and the money will be deducted from the youth's monthly stipend. This service may cost in the price range of $80-$100.

7) If the cleanliness of the youth's bedroom remains an ongoing problem, an internal staffing will be held with the youth to determine an appropriate Corrective Action Plan.

8) If the Corrective Action Plan does not resolve the problem, then the agency will request a staffing with the youth and the DCFS Appointed Monitor to discuss the non-compliance issue.





Key Request Form

Please complete one form per person and submit to TLP Coordinator.

Part I – Requestor (key holder/Youth) Information

Date of Request: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Room Number (which youth is assign to now) _____ Youth Phone:_____

This key request is for: ☐ New Issue ☐ Replacement ☐ Switched rooms

Key(s) requested for: Room Number _____

Approval Signatures:

TLP Coordinator: _____Date:_____

Client Signature _____Date:_____

Key holder's Agreement

By my signature below, I agree to all the following terms:

1. The key describe herein remains the property of Shelter Inc./ Transitional Living Program
2. The key is entrusted to me - I will not duplicate, loan, exchange or otherwise allow its use or possession by anyone else.
3. I will report its loss, theft or destruction immediately to the TLP Coordinator. If this key becomes lost, stolen or otherwise not available for return, I will pay the replacement fee of $5.00
4. When I get discharge from the TLP program or/and I am required to switch rooms, I am responsible to return my current room key to the TLP Coordinator. If I do not return this key, I agree to all the following terms:
    a. I will pay the current key replacement fee;
    b. I will, if required, pay the cost for re-keying all affected locks.

Key holder's Signature (*upon receipt of keys*)**:** **Date of issue:**

TLP Coordinator signature *(upon giving the keys to the youth):* *Date Issued:*

Productivity Time

1) TLP youth are required to complete "Productivity Time" from Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:00am to 2:00pm.

2) Youth should be enrolled and attending school or obtain full time employment.

3) If a youth is enrolled in full time school or employment, then they may be exempt from Productivity Time during scheduled non-attendance days or holidays.

4) If a youth is not attending school or only has a part time employment status, then they are required to leave the home during that designated time in order to "be productive" and seek employment, attend personal health appointments, participate in a volunteer program, or participate in community services or activities.

5) Youth are not allowed to remain in the TLP home during those hours unless they have received permission from the TLP Coordinator who will evaluate each youth's presenting situation in case by case manner.

6) Youth are not allowed to remain in the TLP home sleeping, playing video games, watching television or videos, playing on cellphone, lounging around, etc. during these hours.

7) If a youth refuses to leave the TLP home during the hours of 10:00am to 2:00pm, the Wi-Fi will be turned off in the home so that the youth is unable to access the internet for games, videos, etc. Youth will also not be able to use Wi-Fi for the rest of the day.

8) If the youth refuses to comply with "Productivity Time" for 3 consecutive days, the agency will schedule an internal staffing with the youth to address the non-compliance issue.

9) If the youth fails to comply with "Productivity Time" following the internal staffing, the agency will request a staffing with the youth and the DCFS Appointed Monitor.

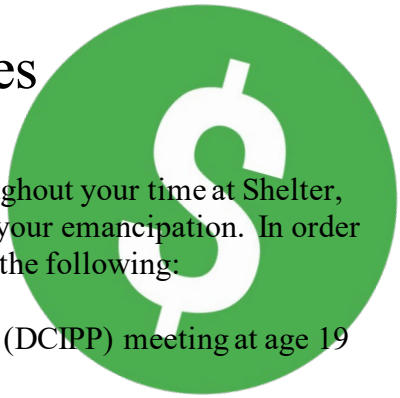


Property Damage

You are expected to treat the TLP house and property with appropriate care. The TLP is a home to its residents and should reflect suitable pride and upkeep. In the event that there is damage caused to TLP property, the following steps will be taken:

- The damage will be immediately assessed for safety. Necessary precautions will be taken to ensure the safety of all residents and staff.
- A Unusual Incident Report will be written detailing the incident, damage, and involved parties.
- Damage repairs will be assessed. Cost of repairs will be determined in dollar amount.
- Payment of the cost of repairs will be assigned to the party(s) involved in creating the damage.
- Consideration will be given to possible legal charges for damage of property.
    - Each case will be considered on its own merit- with thought given to the intent of action, cause of damage, degree of damage, and responsibility taken for the damage.

Emancipation Incentives Countdown to 21



Along with the emancipation funds that you will accumulate throughout your time at Shelter, Inc., you also have the opportunity to earn an extra $1,323 towards your emancipation. In order to qualify for this extra incentive, you must complete the following:

- Discharge Clinical Intervention for Placement Preservation (DCIPP) meeting at age 19
- Financial Literacy Training
- DCIPP meeting at age 20.9

Vehicles

If you own a vehicle and wish to park it at the TLP, you must first be approved by the clinical team and Shelter, Inc. Executive Director. There will be a contract in place listing all rules regarding your ownership of a vehicle, as you are a DCFS youth in care. Some of those rules are, but are not limited to:



- No transportation of other TLP residents
- Provide proof of insurance and car payments monthly
- Parking in only your assigned spot at TLP
- Proof of maintenance and upkeep of the vehicle



Wi- Fi Access

In order to have access to internet, all of the following needs to be completed daily:

- Chores
- Clean bedroom
- Productivity Time

You will not be connected to Wi-Fi until all three are completed.

Staff reserves right to refuse Wi-Fi at any time.

Mail

You may receive mail at the TLP house. No clients are to handle house mail, per federal law.

If you see that there is mail in the mailbox, please inform a staff member. Staff will distribute mail appropriately.

TLP Community Computer

There is one desktop computer available for all youth to use. You must request access from staff before using computer. All computer use will be monitored.

Please be respectful of computer, websites accessed, documents saved, etc. Inappropriate use will not be tolerated and your computer access can be terminated/ refused at any time.

Remember that the computer is used by all clients. If you have something personal on the computer, please delete it before you are finished.

Personal Property

General Rule: Residents are allowed to have and use any personal items legally obtained that do not present any safety/legal risk unless they abuse or misuse the privilege.

All incoming valuables and personal property are listed on an inventory form upon intake, and additional property brought in will be added, including donations you collect during your stay and any items brought by visitors, friends, family, or other residents. If not listed/secured by the program, this program is not responsible for loss or damage to personal property.

All valuables and property not listed by or/and secured by the client with the program are the responsibility of the youth.
Unless stored in the office, the program will not replace or repair lost or damaged personal property.

Items allowed in the facility include:

Items to personalize your bedroom, (that are not considered offensive by other resident or staff). Sports equipment (some may be required to be stored in a locked closet for safety). Stereos are to be kept in your bedroom for your use. The volume should be kept at an appropriate level (or use head phones) so as to not disrupt the other residents and/or staff. Pets are not allowed on the TLP property.

Items not permitted in the facility include:

No sexually explicit or pornographic materials of any kind, including clothing logos or other items depicting or representing sexual behavior. No gang related posters or posters of/with illegal drugs. No clothing or items reflecting gang representation, harmful practices, or offensive logos/printing.

House Maintenance



Residents are expected to maintain a clean facility, both in their personal rooms and in the common areas.

Chores are the client's responsibility to complete before privileges are requested and/or taken. Staff transportation and /or activities are available only when all chores are completed.

Chore assignments for common areas are rotated on a weekly basis.

Bedrooms must be cleaned on a daily basis. This includes making the bed, putting clothes in their proper places (drawers, closet, and laundry), placing towels in laundry, nothing on the floor, and no clutter on dresser tops.

Dirty dishes and exposed food are prohibited in bedrooms. All food is prohibited in the bedroom.



Meals and Kitchen Use

The facility has a common kitchen available to all residents, which will be treated with respect. All cooking utensils/appliances will be used appropriately and cleaned per use.

Residents will plan for their own meals by creating grocery lists and grocery shopping independently. Upon availability, staff will provide one group trip per week to the grocery store for the group to complete major weekly shopping. All chores need to be done and rooms need to be cleaned prior to leaving.



Residents are expected to make healthy food choices.

Residents are expected to prepare their own meals (staff assistance may be required for learning/safety purposes).

Each resident is expected to clean each plate, utensil, or glassware per use. Each resident is expected to rinse and place appropriate items they use in the dishwasher after every meal.

After any snacks, all dishes, glasses, and/or garbage will be disposed by residents.

Food or drinks are only allowed in the dining room, living room, or kitchen areas. Open food items and/or dirty dishes are prohibited in the bedrooms (to avoid rodents/bugs).

Consequences and Loss of Privileges

Consequences are meant to be naturally occurring, logical events resulting from individual choices: natural consequences promote understanding, learning, and foster changes in behavior.

Privileges for positive behaviors will reinforce the independent living process: assist the resident to reach their goals, and can result in personal growth.

Positive behavior will be recognized and promoted by special awards and incentives on occasion as identified by the Program Coordinator.

Consequences for negative behaviors and choices may result in a loss of daily privileges, extra chores, failure to advance to an ILO, lack of programmatic support, and/or failure to achieve personal growth and maturity.

Staff reserves the right to withhold any privilege for a period of time, based on individual behavior.

Some behaviors such as drug use, stealing, unapproved absences, threats, property destruction, and violence in the facility or on grounds will result in police contact, legal charges and possible discharge.

The following is a list of several examples of consequences used at the TLP:

- If you or your visitors do not follow the visitor policy, the visitor will be asked to leave, and/or possibly not be allowed to return. Your loss of visitor privileges may also occur.
- Disrupting other clients upon returning late, sleeping in overly late, chores not being finished on time, or not completing productivity time may possibly result in a loss of your offsite privileges/transportation/resources.
- Behaviors that demonstrate dishonesty, manipulation, and/or disrespect towards staff and/or peers will result in the loss of privileges at TLP staff discretion.

All staff at the TLP facility reserves the responsibility to address inappropriate behavior and can assist the resident in learning to demonstrate appropriate behavior. The resident handbook you are provided with is the same handbook used by staff to assess your behavior and determine if privileges will be removed.

Recreational Policy

During clients' stay at TLP (Transitional Living Program) at Shelter Inc.; clients have access to numerous recreational activities. Clients are expected to participate in the various activities independently and without staff. Staff will assist by teaching and ensuring each client is working towards their independence goals. There will be offered activities in which staff will also participate. Examples of some recreational activities offered are·



- Workout Room
- Weights
- Boxing Bag
- Pull-up Bar
- Pool/Ping Pong
- Pool Passe
- Board Games
- Air Hockey
- Basketball Hoop
- Foosball
- Frisbee



The pool passes consist of six parks within Arlington Heights and one is open year-round. Shelter Inc. has partnered with Arlington Heights Park District which offers two recreational classes for free to our clients. See the (Arlington Heights Park District Seasonal Handbook).

The same six parks offer basketball courts, ice skating during the winter, and many other activities. TLP offers outings to sports games, such as the Chicago Sky, hockey and others that might be available throughout the seasons. Other outings we offer are to the zoo, movie theater, bowling, etc. Clients may request a specific outing if they have ideas.

Medication Compliance

If you are prescribed medication for psychiatric needs, medical needs, etc., you will need to provide documentation to caseworker as needed. You are required to take your meds as prescribed- on time, correct dosage, sign the medication log, and in front of staff. If you are not willing to comply with these regulations, you will be written an Unusual Incident Report for each missed dosage and your appropriateness for the program will be assessed.

Interested in moving on?

The following steps are required to get you to an ILO:

- ○ Age 18 or older
- ○ Stable and compliant in placement for 6 months prior to the referral
  - No UIRs for AWOL/ running, curfew violations, police contact, inappropriate behaviors, medication refusals, etc.
- ○ Compliance with TLP requirements
  - Attend all staffings, meetings, etc.
  - Comply with service plan
  - Follow TLP rules
- ○ High school diploma or GED
- ○ Completion of Financial Literacy training prior to referral
- ○ Current medical, vision, and dental records (within one year)
- ○ Currently working for at least 45 days prior to referral
  - Verified with pay stubs
  - At least 15+ hours a week
  - **OR** enrolled and attending an accredited college or vocational school full time for at least 1 semester
- ○ Capacity to save money
  - Printed out bank statement as proof of at least $500 in savings account
- ○ Compliance with recommended treatment
  - Psychiatric appointments
  - Medication
  - Individual and group counseling as needed
  - Outside treatment (substance abuse, domestic violence, anger management, etc.)
- ○ Basic skills for self- sufficiency
- ○ Permanency goal of Independence
- ○ Ready, willing, and able to engage in discharge planning



Your referral to ILO/launch is based on the above requirements, **as well as** any other individual case needs. If you have any questions, talk to Caitlyn, your caseworker.



CLIENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE



PURPOSE: All clients of Shelter, Inc. programs are encouraged to participate in the planning and provision of services. You have the right to appeal decisions that affect you. Should there ever be a conflict or problem between a client and staff, the following steps provide a guide for resolution.

PROCEDURE:

1. In all cases, the first step in resolving any conflict or problem is to talk with the staff member directly about the problem.
2. If talking to the staff directly does not resolve the problem, write your complaint down and submit it to the staff's supervisor within 5 business days. If you do not know the name of the staff member's supervisor, you can call Shelter, Inc.'s Administrative Office at 847-255-8060 and you will be provided with the supervisor's name and mailing address.
3. Within 1 business day, the supervisor will contact both you and the staff member and will attempt to resolve the issue.
4. If you feel the conflict has not been properly resolved, you may request Shelter, Inc.'s Management Staff review of the resolution of the complaint. Such request must be made in writing within 15 days after the meeting with the supervisor and submitted to Shelter, Inc.'s Clinical Director.
5. Within 1 business day, the Clinical Director will contact both you and the staff and will attempt to resolve the issue.
6. If you feel the conflict has not been properly resolved, you may request Shelter, Inc.'s Executive Director to review the complaint. Such request must be made in writing with 15 days after the meeting with the supervisor and submitted to Shelter, Inc.'s Executive Director.
7. Shelter, Inc.'s Executive Director will review the documents and make a final decision with 3 business days.
8. At each stage of the grievance, the responsible staff will provide a written response to the aggrieved that includes documentation of the response in the case record.
9. Shelter, Inc.'s Continuous Quality Improvement Committee reviews all client grievances on a quarterly basis to identify any patterns of complaints and conducts such reviews as to protect the confidentiality of the client.

Note: For clients involved with the Department of Children and Family Services, this procedure does not supersede the Social Service Appeal System regarding Administrative Case Reviews (ACR) planning.

I have been offered a copy of this procedure.

Client Signature **Date**

Shelter, Inc. Staff Signature **Date**

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion



The Shelter, Inc. TLP provides equality of services and care to everyone, regardless of people's gender, gender identity, race, religion or belief or sexual orientation. We advocate and promote the safety, adjustment, and well-being for all youth within all our programs at Shelter, Inc. We have zero tolerance for anyone who discriminates, bullies, or makes any disparaging comments.





Shelter Inc. is requesting a Special Use Permit for the property along East Valley Lane for our Transitional Living Program (TLP). The following is our written response to the concerns of the Conceptual Plan Review Committee. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you on this special project.

On page 2 of the staff report, it is recommended that each of the two units within the home be staffed by Shelter, Inc. at all times. The Department of Children and Family services, which licenses this program, requires that a staff person be on site 24 hours a day. At this time, there are no plans to modify the property and each duplex unit would remain separate. However, staffing and program requirements are put in place to maintain the highest level of safety and security. Those requirements are as follows:

Zoning and Comprehensive Plan

- A Shelter staff member must be on site and awake at all times. We are mandated by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to have one staff person on site for every six (6) residents, 24 hours a day. Therefore, if both units are occupied, there is a dedicated staff person for each unit. Additional staff are on site as needed to provide other resources to the residents, i.e., counseling sessions, case management.
- Shelter staff must conduct and document a check on all residents at least once an hour. This includes the overnight hours and bedroom checks. All monitoring must be documented in daily logs and shift notes. These notes document which youth are present in the home, the time youth enter or leave the home, where the youth have gone. These notes are shared/emailed at the end of each shift to all TLP staff to ensure that all staff are familiar with the activities and whereabouts of each youth.
- Security cameras will be installed throughout the property including the outside and common areas to assist in monitoring the youth while staff may be in their office.
- Each youth is required to sign a contract that outlines the rules and expectations for the TLP. Residents over the age of 18 are allowed to leave the home for work, school or personal reasons. The TLP does have a curfew, even for youth over 18 years old, which is 12am. Each youth is allowed to attend overnight visits with family and friends; however, they are expected to fill out an overnight form which indicates the name, address, and phone number of who they will be visiting and when they will return. If a youth has not completed one of these forms, and they have not returned to the program by the curfew time of 12am and staff are unable to reach them on their cell phone, the staff are instructed to file a missing person's report with the police department and the DCFS missing person unit is notified.
- The Interview Questions that are used screen a youth for our TLP is attached. The TLP does not accept any youth who are required to register as a juvenile or adult sex offender.
- The TLP Youth Handbook and Resident Contract forms which include the rules and regulations for the home.

- Shelter, Inc. will hold a neighborhood meeting to allow for communication with the surrounding neighbors.

Building, Site and Landscaping

- We do not propose any changes to the interior or exterior of the building or site at this time.
- Shelter, Inc. will reach out to the Building Department to determine if any upgrades are needed to comply with building code requirements.

Parking and Traffic

- The proposed use of the property will not alter the essential character of the locality and will be compatible with existing uses and zoning of nearby property.
- While residents are allowed to own a car as a means to help them establish their goal of independence, only two (2) residents in 12 years have ever owned a car. If needed, Shelter would require that only the first two (2) residents would be allowed to have a car on the property on a first come, first served basis. This property was selected because of its close proximity to businesses and public transit so that residents can work and/or go to school without the use of a car.
- Staff would have a car on the property (up to two cars) that would be in the garage/driveway during overnight hours. Any additional staff or visitors would be during normal business hours and would only be at the residence for a short period of time, allowing for street parking.
- Overnight visitors are not allowed, so additional overnight parking is not needed.
- One bike parking space would be provided in the garage.

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TLP Interview Questions

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____

Date referral received from DCFS: _____ Date of interview: _____

Current placement: _____

What are you looking to get out of a TLP?

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_____
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Are you currently in High School? Yes No Year: 9 10 11 12

Graduated: Yes No Date: _____

If in school, how is your school attendance? Please explain.

_____
_____
_____

IEP: Yes No

What does a typical day look like to you?

_____
_____
_____

How do you handle freedom and less structured environments?

_____
_____
_____

Are you currently employed? Yes No
If yes, where are you currently working?

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Are you willing to obtain employment as it is an expectation in all TLP programs? Yes No
If no, please explain:

Do you have any psychiatric diagnosis? Yes No
If yes, please list:

Are you currently prescribed any medications and/or psychotropic medications? Yes No
If yes, please list:

Are you compliant with taking all prescribed medications? Yes No
If no, please explain:

Do you have any medical concerns that require ongoing medical treatment? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Are you currently attending therapy? Yes No
If so, are you compliant and what are you currently working on? Yes No
If no, please explain:

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What is your willingness to participate in recommended services? (i.e. individual therapy, group therapy, groups, psychiatric assessment and monitoring)

Are there any issues of suicidal and/or homicidal ideations (current or historic)? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Are there any issues of self harm (current or historic)? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Have there been any current or historic substance abuse issues? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

What are some of your current hobbies or interests?

Who do you identify as your healthy support systems/relationships?

Do you have regularly scheduled visits with family, friends, supports? Yes No
If yes, please explain with who, how often, where do they occur, etc.?

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Do you have any children? Yes No
If yes, please explain current visitation plan, involvement in TPSN services, etc.:

Have there been any incidents of problematic behaviors? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Have there been any issues of aggression? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Have there been any incidents of police involvement/legal history? Yes No
If yes, site specific offenses, dates, and status:

Have you been on Probation/Parole? Yes No
If yes, please explain the reason and dates:

Have there been any incidents of sexually problematic behaviors (current or historic)? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

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Have you ever had to register as a Sex Offender? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

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Have there been any issues regarding Domestic Violence? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

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Is there gang involvement (current or historical)? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

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Are there any incidents of fire setting/arson? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

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Village of Arlington Heights
Building & Life Safety Department

Interoffice Memorandum

To: Sam Hubbard, Development Planner, Planning and Community Development

From: Deb Pierce, Plan Reviewer, Building & Life Safety Department – Building & Fire Life Safety

Subject: 207-209 E Valley Ln – Special Use Permit to allow a Shelter Care Home, Parking Variation

PC#: 20-015– Round 1

Date: July 15, 2021

General Comments:

The information provided is conceptual only and subject to a formal plan review.

Sam...

1. Modifications to the dwelling units shall comply with the current adopted codes. A permit for each unit would be required.
2. Smoke detectors shall be brought up to current requirements: installed in each bedroom, in the hall, on each level, including the basement, and are permitted to be battery operated and shall be wirelessly interconnected.
3. Carbon monoxide detectors shall be brought up to current code: installed within 15 feet of all sleeping areas.
4. Periodic fire drills are recommended for residents and staff.

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PETITIONER'S APPLICATION - ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PLAN COMMISSION

Petition #: P.C. 21-015
Petitioner: Shelter, Inc.
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Subdivision: ____
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Land Use: ____ Current: ____
Proposed: ____
Site Gross Area: 7932 Sq Ft
# of Units Total: 6 BR in 2 Units
1BR: 2BR: 3BR: 4BR:

(Petitioner: Please do not write below this line.)

1. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED:	YES	NO	COMMENTS
a. Underground Utilities			
Water		NO	
Sanitary Sewer			
Storm Sewer			
b. Surface Improvement			
Pavement			
Curb & Gutter			
Sidewalks			
Street Lighting			
c. Easements			
Utility & Drainage			
Access			

2. PERMITS REQUIRED OTHER THAN VILLAGE:
a. MWRDGC ____ b. IDOT ____
c. ARMY CORP ____ d. IEPA ____
e. CCHD ____

	YES	NO	COMMENTS
3. R.O.W. DEDICATIONS?		X	
4. SITE PLAN ACCEPTABLE?		N/A	
5. PRELIMINARY PLAT ACCEPTABLE?		N/A	
6. TRAFFIC STUDY ACCEPTABLE?		N/A	
7. STORM WATER DETENTION REQUIRED?		X	
8. CONTRIBUTION ORDINANCE EXISTING?		X	
9. FLOOD PLAIN OR FLOODWAY EXISTING?		X	
10. WETLAND EXISTING?		X	

GENERAL COMMENTS ATTACHED

PLANS PREPARED BY: N/A
DATE OF PLANS: 06/28/21

Michael L. Pagones 7/12/21
Director Date
BY: Marc Ohl

PLAN COMMISSION PC #21-015
Shelter, Inc.
207-209 E Valley Lane
Round 1

11. The petitioner is notified that these comments are being provided to ensure that the project meets the requirements for submittal to the Plan Commission. Approval by the Plan Commission is not an endorsement or approval of these documents to obtain the required building permits, engineering approval, or permits required by other government or permitting agencies for construction. Detailed plan review with associated comments will be provided upon submittal of plans for a building permit. The petitioner shall acknowledge that they accept this understanding.

12. The Engineering Division has no further comments.

Michael L. Pagones 7/13/21
Michael L. Pagones, P.E. Date
Village Engineer
BY: Marc

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Arlington Heights Fire Department
Plan Review Sheet

P. C. Number 21-015

Project Name Shelter Inc

Project Location 207-209 East Valley Lane

Planning Department Contact Sam Hubbard

General Comments

Round 1
General Comments:

1) The Fire Department will defer to the Building and Life Safety Department as to code requirements for a change of use.

We have no additional comments at this time.

NOTE: PLAN IS CONCEPTUAL ONLY SUBJECT TO DETAILED PLAN REVIEW

Date July 1, 2021 Reviewed By: LT. Mark Aleckson

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DEPARTMENT PLAN REVIEW SUMMARY

Shelter, Inc
207-209 E Valley Ln.

Round 1 Review Comments

07/13/2021

1. **Character of use:**
   The character of use is a concern for this area. Please refer to the list of calls for service over the last 10 years at the current Shelter, Inc location sent via interdepartmental mail on 04/01/2021. The police department has concerns over the call volume that will be generated by Shelter Inc, if it were to relocate to 207 & 209 E Valley (a residential area). Shelter Inc, located at 397 W Golf Rd, has 53 police calls for service on average, per year since 2012. In the same time frame, the properties of 207 E Valley and 209 E Valley have generated no calls for police service. If this property were to move, the police department anticipates a significant rise in calls at those addresses. The police department would also recommend that each unit of the new location be staffed by Shelter Inc. employees at all times.

2. **Are lighting requirements adequate?**
   Lighting should be up to Village of Arlington Heights code. The exterior of the building should be illuminated especially during nighttime hours for safety, to deter criminal activity and increase surveillance/visibility- potentially reducing theft, trespassing, vandalism, underage drinking, and other criminal activity.

3. **Present traffic problems?**
   There are no traffic problems at this location.

4. **Traffic accidents at particular location?**
   This is not a problem area in relation to traffic accidents.

5. **Traffic problems that may be created by the development.**
   This development should not create any additional traffic problems.

6. **General comments:**

   - Please ensure that there is an emergency information/contact card on file with the Arlington Heights Police Department and that it is up-to-date. Agent contact information must be provided to the Arlington Heights Police Department during all construction phases. The form is attached. Please complete and return. This allows police department personnel to contact an agent during emergency situations or for suspicious/criminal activity on the property during all hours.

   - Landscaping should provide open sightlines to increase natural surveillance and avoid creating ambush locations and havens for illegal activities- theft, trespassing, vandalism, underage drinking, drug use, etc.

- Adequate staffing for both units is advised. Each unit should be treated as a standalone building with an identical staff-to-student ratio at each.

O. O. #330

Alexandra Ovington, Crime Prevention Officer
Community Services Bureau

Approved by:

Sgt 567

Supervisor's Signature

HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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1. GENERAL COMMENTS:

No comments at this time.

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Sean Freres 7/1/21
Environmental Health Officer Date

James McCalister 7/1/21
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	YES	NO	
1.	____	____	COMPLIES WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?
2.	X	____	COMPLIES WITH THOROUGHFARE PLAN?
3.	X	____	VARIATIONS NEEDED FROM ZONING REGULATIONS? (See below.)
4.	____	X	VARIATIONS NEEDED FROM SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS? (See below.)
5.	____	X	SUBDIVISION REQUIRED?
6.	____	X	SCHOOL/PARK DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED? (See below.)

Comments:

Please see attached comments.

Sana Amari
Date

Planning & Community Development Dept. Review

July 16, 2021

REVIEW ROUND 1

Project: Shelter, Inc.
207-209 E. Valley Ln.

Case Number: PC 21-015

General:

7. The following approvals are required:
   a. **Special Use Permit to allow a "Shelter Care Home" on the subject property.**
   b. **Variation to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code, Section 6.12-1(3), to waive the requirement for a traffic and parking study from a qualified professional engineer.**
   c. **Variation to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code, Section 10.4, to reduce the required off-street parking spaces from 10 spaces to 2 spaces.**

8. Please be aware that a neighborhood meeting should take place well in advance of the Plan Commission hearing on this application. Upon conclusion of the neighborhood meeting, please provide a summary of the meeting, including the estimated number of attendees, the questions asked and concerns raised, and the responses given.

9. Was the list of properties included within the application obtained by a title company? Does the list include all properties within 250', exclusive or Right-of-Ways?

10. Please ensure that all documents to be resubmitted as a result of the Round 1 Village review comments include a revision date.

Transitional Living Program Information:

11. A list of Interview Questions for resident screening was provided as part of the Conceptual Plan Review process. Please provide this document as part of the Plan Commission application. Please provide further description of how/what the screening process entails. Other than being a registered juvenile or adult sex offender, what other attributes would render a qualifying candidate ineligible for the program?

12. Please provide additional details on the supervision of residents. Where do staff stay when supervising the residents? Within each unit, and if so, where in general would they be? Would there be a separate office area? If so, where would this office be located in the building? What are the shifts for each supervisor? What is the training and certifications required for each supervisor?

13. How would residents be distributed in each room? For example, if there are only six individuals enrolled in the program, could they all get their own room, or are two residents per room required even if there are vacant rooms available?

14. Could the facility be designed to have one occupant per room? Would this assist in reducing conflicts/calls for Police service if each resident had their own bedroom?

15. The existing facility on Golf Road is in close proximity to two Pace bus routes and within the Pace Call n Ride service area. The E. Valley Lane site is over approx. 1.25 miles from the nearest Pace bus stop and does not appear to be within the Call n Ride service area. Please address how residents will get to work or school if not within walking distance?

16. How many bedrooms are located within the existing Golf Road facility? How many staff/supervisors are located within that facility?

17. Will the garage be used to park the cars for Shelter, Inc. staff, or will staff primarily park within the driveway? If the garage will not be used for parking, how will that area be used? Will the rear storage/laundry room be used for any purpose other than storage and laundry?

Zoning:

18. Staff has concerns over the number of Police Department calls for service that this facility would generate. What has Shelter Inc. done to address the high number of calls for Police service, and what additional measures can be taken to address the high volume of calls for service? How would this new location and increased capacity impact the volume of calls for service?

19. How will Shelter Inc., a facility with a capacity of 14 (12 residents plus 2 staff), work to fit within the neighborhood?

20. Given the high volume of Police calls for service, additional detail/depth is needed within the response to the Special Use approval criterial to outline how the proposed home will conform to the necessary standards for approval. Provide more details as to how this Special Use will meet the following criteria:

    - That said special use is deemed necessary for the public convenience at this location.
    - That such case will not, under any circumstances of the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety, morals or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity.
    - That the proposed use will comply with the regulations and conditions specified in this ordinance for such use, and with the stipulations and conditions made a part of the authorization granted by the Village Board of Trustees.

21. A variation is required to waive the requirement for a traffic and parking study. Please provide a separate response to the variation approval criteria relative to this variation.

22. The justification criteria came in two separate documents, one titled "Conceptual Plan Review Committee" and dated 6/9/21, and the other was on Shelter, Inc. letterhead. Please clarify which set of responses are submitted in conjunction with this application.

23. The response to the Special Use approval criteria states that residents do not have cars. However, the two-page written response to the initial meeting with the Conceptual Plan Review Committee states that residents are allowed to own cars. Please clarify and adjust the document(s) accordingly.

24. Additional information may be requested relative to the market feasibility and demand for this facility at this location.

Building:

25. Please provide the following square footage information:
    a. Square footage of first floor unit, exclusive of stairwells, foyer area, and common areas (garage, laundry room, etc.)
    b. Square footage of second floor unit, exclusive of stairwells/foyer/common areas.
    c. Overall square footage of building.

26. The existing shed in the rear yard is located in a non-compliant location. What are the plans for this shed?

Prepared by: 

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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PETITIONER'S APPLICATION - ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PLAN COMMISSION

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P.I.N.# 03-17-301-009-0000
Location: 207 - 209 E. Valley Ln. Arlngtn Hts 60004
Rezoning: ____ Current: R6 Proposed: ____
Subdivision: ____
# of Lots: 1 Current: 1 Proposed: 1
PUD: ____ For: ____
Special Use: ✓ For: Shelter Care Home
Land Use Variation: ✓ For: Reduce onsite parking from 10 to 2 spaces (Ch 28, Section 10.4)
Land Use: ____ Current: ____
Proposed: ____
Site Gross Area: 7932 Sq Ft
# of Units Total: 6 BR in 2 Units
1BR: 2BR: 3BR: 4BR:

(Petitioner: Please do not write below this line.)

LANDSCAPE & TREE PRESERVATION:

	YES	NO
1. Complies with Tree Preservation Ordinance	N/A	
2. Complies with Landscape Plan Ordinance	N/A	
3. Parkway Tree Fee Required (See below.)		X

Comments:

It is recommended that the overall landscaping be enhanced.

Coordinator 7/14/21 Date

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Village of Arlington Heights
Department Comments, Round 1
Shelter, Inc. Response – July 26, 2021

Shelter, Inc. is pleased to provide the following response to the Department Plan Review regarding its Transitional Living Program proposal at 207 – 209 East Valley Lane. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to working with you on this project.

Building and Life Safety Department

1. Modifications to the dwelling units shall comply with the current adopted codes. A permit for each unit would be required.

   Shelter, Inc. will comply with all current codes and will not allow residents to live in the building until all codes are up to date. Permits will be obtained for all work that will be done on both units.

2. Smoke detectors shall be brought up to current requirements: installed in each bedroom, in the hall, on each level, including the basement, and are permitted to be battery operated and shall be wirelessly interconnected.

   Shelter, Inc. will obtain and place appropriate smoke detectors. Each smoke detector will be regularly maintained (maintenance will be tracked in writing) by our internal Environmental Improvement Team and will be inspected by the Fire Marshall annually. This is required for Shelter, Inc. to maintain its DCFS license and national social services accreditation.

3. Carbon monoxide detectors shall be brought up to current code: installed within 15 feet of all sleeping areas.

   Shelter, Inc. will obtain and place appropriate carbon monoxide detectors. Each carbon monoxide detector will be regularly maintained (maintenance will be tracked in writing) by our internal Environmental Improvement Team and will be inspected by the Fire Marshall annually. This is required for Shelter, Inc. to maintain its DCFS license and national social services accreditation.

4. Periodic fire drills are recommended for residents and staff.

   Fire drills are conducted monthly for staff and residents for Shelter, Inc. to maintain its DCFS license and national social service accreditation status.

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Engineering Department

Shelter, Inc. acknowledges and accepts the recommendations of the Engineering Department.

Arlington Heights Fire Department

Shelter, Inc. acknowledges and accepts the recommendations as outlined by the Building and Life Safety Department.

Arlington Heights Police Department

1. Character of use:
   The fact that there have been police calls to our existing TLP home proves just how safe we are. We take no chances with the safety of our young people, our neighbors, and our community. We enforce strict behavioral requirements for our participants, and any young people who do not comply are immediately reported to DCFS and oftentimes the local police. We also take the health and wellbeing of our young people seriously, especially since many of the participants in our program have faced significant trauma such as abuse, neglect, and homelessness. Roughly 90% of our police calls have been for curfew violations, mental health checks and other non-criminal reasons.

   Over the past 5 years, we have worked to make our program and neighborhood even safer by implementing enhanced screening and proactive accountability measures for the young people residing at the home. As a result, police calls to the TLP home have been reduced 75% the past 5 years. In fact, criminal calls to the Circle Hill Apartments down the street have been 66% higher than the TLP.

2. Are lighting requirements adequate?
   Shelter, Inc. will update all lighting to ensure that it is up to current Village codes. Exterior lighting will include motion detectors to ensure the safety of the neighborhood while being as little nuisance to its immediate neighbors.

3. Present traffic problems?
   None.

4. Traffic accidents at particular location?
   None.

5. Traffic problems that may be created by the development.
   None.

6. General comments:

   - Shelter, Inc. will provide updated emergency contact information. No form was attached.
   - Shelter, Inc. will ensure that landscaping is conducive to the highest level of safety.
   - To comply with DCFS licensing standards, Shetler, Inc. must maintain a minimum of a 1:6 staff to resident ratio at all times. In order to provide the most effective staffing, one unit will be occupied by the first six residents. As additional residents (and subsequent staff) are accepted into the program, Shelter's Clinical staff will more evenly disburse the residents into two units. The Clinical staff knows the individual residents well and are able to appropriately determine who best to reside together.

Health Services Department
Shelter, Inc. acknowledges and accepts the recommendations of the Health Services Department.

Planning and Community Development Department

7. The following approvals are required:
   a. Special Use Permit to allow a "Shelter Care Home" on the subject property.
   b. Variation to the Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code, Section 6.12-1(3), to waive the requirement for a traffic and parking study from a qualified professional engineer.
   c. Variation to Chapter 28 of the Municipal Code, Section 10.4, to reduce the required off-street parking spaces from 10 spaces to 2 spaces.

   The above applications are all currently under review.

8. A neighborhood meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 24 at 7pm at the Wynburg Café (306 East Rand Road). Upon completion of the meeting, Shelter, Inc. will provide a summary of the meeting, including the estimated number of attendees, a sign-in sheet, the questions asked and the concerns raised, and the responses given.

9. The required list of properties included with the application was obtained by a title company.

10. All revised documents that have been resubmitted as a result of this review have been updated to include a revision date.

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Transitional Living Program Information:

11. A list of interview questions for resident screening is attached. The interview is conducted by a case manager, therapist, and the Clinical Director. They review the resident's file(s) from previous programs and agencies to ensure that there is no history of violence, juvenile/adult sexual assault or significant criminal history. The interviewers have the ability to accept or refuse the application of anyone who isn't a good match with the current residents or is otherwise determined not to be a good fit for the program.

12. Additional details regarding the supervision of the residents:

    - During waking hours, staff will be in the units engaging and working with residents. There will be times when staff will need to complete paperwork and will be in their office on the first floor of the property. During the overnight shifts, staff must do hourly room checks to ensure that all residents are on the property. Residents must walk past the staff office to leave the building and security lighting and cameras will alert staff if a resident leaves the property without prior notification. Staff must be on the property with the residents at all times.
    - There are three shifts for staff that provide around the clock supervision for the residents: 7:00am to 3:00pm, 3:00pm to 11:00pm and 11:00pm to 7:00am.
    - All TLP staff must at least 25 years old and have a bachelor's degree in a related field. After completing a week-long agency orientation, all staff must complete mandatory training on an annual basis that includes: CPR, mandated reporter training, Crisis Prevention Intervention training, and Think Trauma training/trauma informed care. All new hires must complete 40 hours of on-site training that is supervised by current staff. In addition, all staff must complete a minimum of three professional development courses annually. All trainings are tracked by Shelter, Inc.'s Human Resources Department and are required to maintain our DCFS license and national social service accreditation.

13. It is more effective to supervise residents if they are living in one unit, rather than spreading them into two units. Clinical staff can reorganize rooms if there are issues that arise. The six current residents share three bedrooms and have had no altercations or police interactions.

14. As previously stated, it is not best practice to have staff supervise six residents in each unit on the property. It is also important that the residents learn the life skills needed to interact with each other and deal with conflict as these are situations that they will encounter once they graduate from the program. This is a life skill needed to be able to live independently, post emancipation from DCFS.

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15. If a resident is unable to take public transportation to school, the district is required by law under the McKinney-Vento Act to provide appropriate transportation to and from school and all school related activities. Each resident is allotted a monthly transportation stipend. If a resident is unable to walk or take public transportation to their place of employment, they can use these funds to use an Uber or Lyft service.

16. There are three bedrooms in the Golf Road residence, limiting the maximum the number of residents to six. A minimum of one staff person must be always present at the Golf Road residence, maintaining the 1:6 staff to resident ratio.

17. Staff will be required to park in the driveway of the property. The garage will be converted into a common use area, i.e., recreation, group therapy, etc. The rear storage area of the residence will be converted into staff office space. The laundry area will remain for the residents' use.

Zoning

18. Shelter, Inc. takes the safety of its residents and our community very seriously. Mandatory training has been implemented for all staff to address the growing needs of this population including: Crisis Prevention Intervention, providing strategies for safely defusing anxious, hostile, or violent behavior at the earliest possible stage; and Think Trauma training, helping staff to understand trauma, its impact on youth, and appropriate care. In addition, Shelter, Inc. has created its own Clinical program, ensuring that there are no barriers to mental health services for any of the residents. Enhanced screening of incoming residents, increased training of staff and Shelter's new Clinical program have led to a decrease in police calls to the TLP home by 75% in the last five years.

19. The staff and residents of the TLP already live, work and go to school in Arlington Heights and are members of the community. This location allows for the residents to fully and positively integrate into the neighborhood as there are many opportunities for employment and entertainment.

20. Special Use Criteria
    Please see attached.

21. Parking and traffic variation
    Please see attached.

22. The requested document has been revised and is attached.

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23. Residents will not be permitted to park cars at the property. Should a resident own a car, they will be responsible for finding appropriate off-site parking. Parking at the property will be limited and staff will be required to park in the driveway.

24. Shelter, Inc. will provide additional information as requested.

Building

25. Square footage information
    a. First floor unit: 1755 sqft
    b. Second floor unit: 1755 sqft
    c. Overall building: 3510 sqft

26. The existing shed will be removed prior to occupancy.

Landscape and Tree Preservation:
The overall landscaping will be enhanced to provide for the safety of the neighborhood and residents.

Thank you for your consideration. We are happy to supply you with any additional information and we look forward to working with you.

Village of Arlington Heights
Building & Life Safety Department

Interoffice Memorandum

To: Sam Hubbard, Development Planner, Planning and Community Development

From: Deb Pierce, Plan Reviewer, Building & Life Safety Department – Building & Fire Life Safety

Subject: 207-209 E Valley Ln – Special Use Permit to allow a Shelter Care Home, Parking Variation

PC#: 20-015– Round 2

Date: August 4, 2021

General Comments:

The information provided is conceptual only and subject to a formal plan review.

Sam...

No additional comments needed.

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13. The Engineering Division has no further comments.

7/29/21

Michael L. Pagones, P.E. Date
Village Engineer

Arlington Heights Fire Department
Plan Review Sheet

P. C. Number 21-015

Project Name Shelter Inc

Project Location 207-209 East Valley Lane

Planning Department Contact Sam Hubbard

General Comments

Round 2
General Comments:

1. Please install a Knox Box with appropriate keys to gain access if needed.

NOTE: PLAN IS CONCEPTUAL ONLY SUBJECT TO DETAILED PLAN REVIEW

Date August 2, 2021 Reviewed By: LT. Mark Aleckson

Arlington Heights Fire Department

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT PLAN REVIEW SUMMARY

Shelter, Inc
207-209 E Valley Ln.

Round 2 Review Comments **09/15/2021**

1. **Character of use:**

   Calls for service in the past five years at 397 Golf Road has slowly been trending upwards. By way of example, 2020 experienced a 100% increase from 2016 and a 300% increase from 2017. While calls for service do appear to be trending downward for the current year, concerns still exist for a potential increase in the total calls for service. Anecdotally, a doubling of capacity would suggest a proportional increase in calls for service as historically recorded in similar environments. Proactive measures and resident accountability should strive to consistently, year over year, lessen the need for law enforcement intervention, foster independence and promote safety.

   A direct comparison of calls for service for a single residential unit to a multi-family apartment complex does not provide appropriate context. While the neighboring Circle Hill Apartments does experience a higher call volume than 397 Golf Road, the complex encompasses roughly 140 units. Should call volume be averaged by individual units, Shelter Inc. would average approximately 19 calls for service per year, while a single unit in Circle Hill Apartments averages 0.42 calls for service per year.

   Continued partnership with the Police Department and Shelter Inc. staff should focus on promoting safety not only for the proposed units, but also surrounding neighborhood.

2. **Are lighting requirements adequate?**
   No follow-up comments.

3. **Present traffic problems?**
   No follow-up comments.

4. **Traffic accidents at particular location?**
   No follow-up comments.

5. **Traffic problems that may be created by the development.**
   No follow-up comments.

6. **General comments:**

   - Emergency contact forms are available on the Village of Arlington Heights website. The form should be updated whenever there is a change of contact information. Additional points of contact may be established to ensure emergency notifications are routed to appropriate staff at all times.

- A minimum staffing of 1:6 staff to resident ratio should be maintained at all times. As eventual occupancy of two separate units is intended, adequate staff must be available to monitor both units at all times, regardless of the total occupancy of each unit (i.e. 3 residents in one unit and 3 residents in the second unit would require 2 staff members, one for each unit). Supervision may be tailored to meet demands, while allowing for independent living. Additionally, the staff should be adequately trained and/or licensed to deal with the potential for residents in crisis, whether related to mental health or behavioral issues. As indicated, many program participants have often experienced significant trauma in life, whether abuse, homelessness or neglect. A prompt response to residents in crisis by appropriately licensed and trained staff will not only benefit the program, but also reduce the reliance upon outside resources to handle minor incidents.



Greg Czernecki, Deputy Chief of Police
Administrative Services Division

Planning & Community Development Dept. Review

August 23, 2021

REVIEW ROUND 2

Project: Shelter, Inc.
207-209 E. Valley Ln.

Case Number: PC 21-015

General:

27. The response to the following comments is acceptable: # 7-11, #16, #21-26.

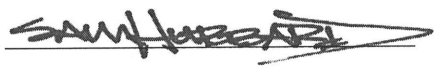
28. The response to comment #12 is noted. The floorplans submitted do not show an office area or a common area. Please revise the floorplans to label where these areas will be located. Will any modifications be needed to the building to accommodate for the office or conversion of the garage to a common area? If the storage area will be used as the office, how would residents be required to walk past the staff office to leave the building? Please outline where the cameras are expected to be located. Would cameras be for live viewing or recorded and accessible only upon retrieval of the recording?

29. The response to comment #17 is noted. As indicated above, please resubmit the floorplans with labels showing the location of the office and common area.

30. The response to comment #14 is noted.

31. The response to comment #15 is noted. Does McKinney-Vento cover individuals who are no longer in high school, for example, someone who has graduated or dropped out and is attending a local college or post-high school education course? If not, would the transportation stipend cover transportation costs to these activities?

32. The response to comment #18, #19, and #20 is noted. However, staff continues to have concerns that the current proposal for 12 residents will generate a higher volume of calls for police service than the existing facility. In consideration of the last 5 years of calls for police service at the existing 6-resident facility, and in comparison to calls for police service from other similar sized group homes in the Village over the last 5 years, as well as the number of calls for service at the existing property over the last 5 years, the proposed Shelter Inc. facility would generate a significantly higher volume of calls for service. The Village expects to finalize a recommendation on this project in the next 10 business days and will reach out once this has been finalized.

Prepared by: 

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LANDSCAPE & TREE PRESERVATION:

	YES	NO
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Comments:

No comments

Coordinator 8/2/21 Date

Village of Arlington Heights
Department Comments, Round 2
Shelter, Inc. Response – August 30, 2021
Updated September 17, 2021

Shelter, Inc. is pleased to provide the following response to the Department Plan Review regarding its Transitional Living Program proposal at 207 – 209 East Valley Lane. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to working with you on this project.

Arlington Heights Fire Department

1. Shelter, Inc. agrees to install a Knox Box with appropriate keys so that the Arlington Heights Fire Department can gain access, if need.

Planning and Community Development Department

28. Modifications will be made to accommodate for the office area and a common area. Staff is required to check in/check out with staff any time they leave the property. They will not be allowed to use the front door and will be required to use the side entrance, walking past the staff office. The staff office will also be expanded to include more windows to allow for a greater range of vision of residents as they enter/leave the property. All doors will be outfitted with security systems and cameras so as to notify staff if a resident leaves without prior approval.

    Security cameras would allow for both live viewing and recording. Currently in our Boys' Group Home, security cameras can record and store up to one week of footage.

    Attached please find an updated floor plan that includes the location of the staff office, common and storage areas, and security cameras.

29. An updated floor plan will be sent in a subsequent email.

31. The post-secondary school does not pay for transportation under the McKinney-Vento Act. For residents who are participating in college or other secondary education, they are allotted money towards transportation needs. They can request that money on a Ventra card or in cash to use towards Lyft/Uber services. The Ventra card can be used for the busses as well as the PACE call a ride (which works directly with Harper students); they are also eligible for an additional transportation stipend from DCFS if in college.

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32. Shelter Inc. is committed to upholding the utmost safety standards for all of our programs. We are pleased to expand on that commitment as it relates to calls to the Arlington Heights Police Department:

- The program's qualified and state-accredited staff closely monitors all participants and enforces strict behavioral requirements. For example, staff enforces a midnight curfew, and any young people not back by the required time are immediately reported to DCFS.

- We have 24-hour supervision of the home by trained staff. One staff per six residents is required at a minimum. There are three shifts, and each staff person must be awake during their shift. There are hourly checks overnight and the home will be outfitted with security cameras. Residents are allowed to leave for work/school or to visit friends/family, but they must sign out and staff must be able to contact them.

- The fact that there have been police calls to our existing TLP home proves just how safe we are. We take no chances with the safety of our young people, our neighbors, and our community. We enforce strict behavioral requirements for our participants, and any young people who do not comply are immediately reported to DCFS and oftentimes the local police. We also take the health and wellbeing of our young people seriously, especially since many of the participants in our program have faced significant trauma such as abuse, neglect, and homelessness. Roughly 90% of our police calls have been for curfew violations, mental health checks and other non-criminal reasons.

- Over the past 5 years, we have worked to make our program and neighborhood even safer by implementing enhanced screening and proactive accountability measures for the young people residing at the home. As a result, police calls to the TLP home have been reduced 75% the past 5 years. In fact, criminal calls to the Circle Hill Apartments down the street have been 66% higher than the TLP.

- Our enhanced screening and proactive accountability measures included more specific questions regarding legal/criminal involvement, on probation/parole, aggression, gang involvement, sexually problematic behaviors, and if they have to been registered on the sex offender registry (either juvenile or adult). We get additional details regarding mental health diagnosis and history, prescribed medications, compliance with the medications through incident reports, and willingness

to comply with the medications if accepted to the program. In addition, Shelter Clinical staff now has access to each potential resident's State Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) case file to look at case notes, incident reports, historic service plans, integrated assessments, etc. prior to the interview. Current caseworkers send any psychological reports, therapy reports, psychiatric reports, school reports, etc. or any other reports that cannot be located in the SACWIS system. By looking at the past incident reports in SACWIS, we then are given a pretty good indication as to history of physical/verbal aggression, property damage, police involvement, peer and staff relations, etc. Shelter can refuse to accept any referral that does not fit the safety standards for this program. When we see incidents for aggression towards staff, property damage, sex offences, violent offences, or poor relationships with peers, we decline them.

- Since 2016, we have only had 74 calls.

2016	2	2019	18
2017	4	2020	35*
2018	14	2021	1

* An increase in calls was due to one resident who had increased mental health needs. Since we were unable to provide the most appropriate services for this resident, they are no longer in our program.

- We have not had to call the police on any of our current residents. These are not violent juvenile offenders (they go through a very extensive screening process before they are allowed in the home.) They are young people who have been let down by the adults in their lives; they are not in this program because of anything they have done. And curfew calls are just that, calls. The police are not coming out to the home.

- Over time, we noticed an increased need for mental health services; however, those services were met with many barriers. Since the residents' healthcare is covered by Medicaid, and providers who accept Medicaid in the suburbs is limited, residents either had to travel to other cities (Oak Park, Evanston, Chicago) or wait up to 18 months for services. Seeing this need for increased support, we started our own Clinical Program so that we can provide mental health services onsite. Over the past year, we have been able to increase case management and start both group and one-on-one therapy sessions with all the residents.

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Updated September 17, 2021

Arlington Heights Police Department

6. General Comments:

All Emergency Contact forms will be made available to the Village of Arlington Heights and will be updated as needed. Shelter will establish additional points of contact as needed to ensure emergency notifications are routed to appropriate staff at all times.

A minimum of 1:6 staff to resident ratio is maintained at all times. Shelter is required by DCFS to maintain the 1:6 staff to resident ratio and the staff are awake at all times, even during overnight shifts. If we do not maintain this ratio, Shelter will lose its license and funding from DCFS and the program would be shut down. Additionally, DCFS mandates that all of the staff must have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree, go through extensive training (including 40 hours of on the job training), a criminal background check, mandated crisis and trauma training, and they are all CPR and First Aid certified.

Shelter's new Clinical program now allows us to provide on-site mental health services on a regular basis and during crisis situations. This staff includes two licensed clinical therapists and two master's level social workers. By having its own Clinical program, we have removed the barriers to residents receiving appropriate mental and behavioral health care resources as our staff is available to them at all times.

Thank you for your consideration. We are happy to supply you with any additional information and we look forward to working with you.

G.S. § 10B-41 NOTARIAL CERTIFICATE FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

I certify that the following person(s) personally appeared before me this day, each acknowledging to me that he or she signed the foregoing document:

Benito Garrido.

Name(s) of principal(s)

Date: 9/15/2021

(Official Seal)

RONALD N. TITUS
NOTARY PUBLIC
Mecklenburg County
North Carolina

Official Signature of Notary

Ronald N. Titus, Notary Public

Notary's printed or typed name

My commission expires: 03/23/2026

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This certificate is attached to a Letter of Objection, signed by Benito Garrido

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September 15, 2021

Re: Objection to Re-Zoning/Shelter Permit- 207-209 East Valley Lane, Arlington Hts, IL

To whom it may concern:

I Benito Garrido am the property owner of 206 E Knob Hill Drive, a home within 250 ft of property of interest, 207-209 E Valley Lane. I am strongly opposed to the issuance of variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code or the rezoning of the duplex for the purposes of shelter use.

I have safety concerns given the factual number of police increased activities at other Shelter Inc home sites. Police records show increased calls and responses to assaults, thefts, domestic battery and alcohol/drug offenses. This will have a direct impact on our neighborhood safety, children and property value.

I strongly suggest Shelter, Inc accomplish there re-allocation goals in a more urbanized setting.

Sincerely

Benito Garrido

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To Whom it MAY CONCERN:

I, Joseph McGuire, Living WITHIN 250 feet of THE PROPERTY AT 207-209 E. VALLEY LANE, OPPOSE THE ISSUANCE of A VARIANCE TO CHAPTER 28 of THE MUNICIPAL CODE. THIS LETTER WILL SERVE AS MY FORMAL RESPONSE AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 14.6 of THE MUNICIPAL CODE AS IS STATED IN SECTION 14.6 AS A PROTEST AGAINST THE AMENDMENT.

I HAVE LIVED IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD SINCE 2014. It is A WONDERFUL NEIGHBORHOOD of SINGLE FAMILY HOMES FILLED WITH RESPECTFUL, LAW ABIDING PEOPLE WHO GIVE EACH OTHER A GREAT SENSE of SAFETY, SECURITY AND WELL BEING. THE ISSUANCE OF A VARIANCE, IN REGARD TO THIS MATTER, IS A CLEAR AND DIRECT THREAT TO THE SAFETY AND SECURITY TO THE PROPERTY AND THE PEOPLE of THIS COMMUNITY. THIS IS EVIDENT THROUGH THE HIGH NUMBERS of POLICE CALLS THAT ARE GENERATED BY SHELTER INC., ZONING VARIANCE PETITIONER, WHO WILL OPERATE THIS TRANSITIONAL SHELTER. RESIDENTS AT THE CURRENT SHELTER INC LOCATION, BEHAVIOR RANGE FROM CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS AND CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY. THIS BEHAVIOR WILL MIGRATE OUT FROM THE SHELTER TO THE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF THIS COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD. THIS WILL ALSO CAUSE A DECLINE IN PROPERTY VALUES TO PROPERTY OWNERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

– JOSEPH McGUIRE
210 E. KNOB HILL dr.
ARLINGTON HGHTS, ILL.
60004

Sworn & Subscribed to me
this 16th day of September, 2021.
Magdalena Mattio

OFFICIAL SEAL
MAGDALENA MATTIO
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 7/31/2025

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Re: **OBJECTION** to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

To whom it may concern:

I, Tana Polonsky, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, **OPPOSE** the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

14.6 Protests against an Amendment:

Owners of the frontage of property immediately adjoining or across or directly opposite frontage which is proposed to be altered as to regulations or districts may file a written protest against a proposed amendment. ***The protest must be signed by the owners of at least 20% of the frontage as described above and each signature must be notarized. The written protest shall be filled with the Village Clerk.***

If the written protest meets the requirements of this Section, the amendment shall not be passed except by the favorable vote of two-thirds of all members of the Village Board.

I have lived in this neighborhood for 1 years. It has been a great, safe, single family home community. I have a variety of concerns about the issuance of this variance.

Mainly, I am concerned with my safety due to the excessive number of police calls Shelter Inc. generates in a year's time and the behavior of the population living at the residence. Police records indicate calls for battery, domestic battery, assaults, thefts, motor vehicle theft, disorderly conduct, alcohol and drug offenses, and criminal damage/trespass to property all occurred at the current Shelter Inc. location.

I am concerned that my property value will decrease with the existence of a community transitional shelter in my neighborhood.

I am concerned for the welfare of the children that attend Ivy Hill Elementary that use Valley lane to walk to and from school.

I am concerned with the impact of the increased congestion of traffic activity only 80 ft. from Arlington Heights Road on an already blind right hand turn.

The previous noted concerns are a few of those that I have creating the basis for my objection.

Sincerely,

OFFICIAL SEAL
PIOTR POTAPO
Notary Public - State of Illinois
My Commission Expires 6/27/2022

09/15/2021
(Signature and Date)

Tana Polonsky
(Print Name)

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Re: **OBJECTION** to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

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I have lived in this neighborhood for 7 years. It has been a great, safe, single family home community. I have a variety of concerns about the issuance of this variance.

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Sincerely,

Piotr Potapo 09/14/2021

(Signature and Date)

PIOTR POTAPO

(Print Name)

OFFICIAL SEAL
NATALIA CHRUSZCZ
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 8/10/2025

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Re: **OBJECTION** to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

To whom it may concern:

I, Anna Potapo, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

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Sincerely,

Ana Potapo 9-14-21
(Signature and Date)

ANNA POTAPO
(Print Name)

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NATALIA CHRUSZCZ
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 8/18/2025

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Re: **OBJECTION** to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

To whom it may concern:

I, Arthur Polonsky, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

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Sincerely,

OFFICIAL SEAL
PIOTR POTAPO
Notary Public - State of Illinois
My Commission Expires 6/27/2022

09/15/2021
(Signature and Date)

Arthur Polonsky
(Print Name)

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From : Marina Shteynberg
211-213 E Valley Lane
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Re: OBJECTION to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

To whom it may concern:

I, Marina Shteynberg, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

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I have lived in this neighborhood for 17 years. It has been a great, safe, single family home community. I have a variety of concerns about the issuance of this variance.

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Sincerely,

Marina Shteynberg





Rebecca Hume
9/16/2021

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Re: OBJECTION to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

To whom it may concern:

I, __Scott Jansen____, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

14.6 Protest Against Amendment :

I have lived in this neighborhood for ___20____ years. It has been a great, safe, single family home community. I have a variety of concerns about the issuance of this variance.

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Sincerely,

Scott Jansen

Scott Jansen

Witnessed THIS DAY
Sept. 15. 2021

SARI R MARKOFF
OFFICIAL SEAL
Notary Public, State of Illinois
My Commission Expires
March 27, 2024

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Village of Arlington Heights

OBJECTION to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

To whom it may concern:

MARTIN KLEIN

I, ____fill in your name_____, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley

Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

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Sincerely,

Martin Klein

Type your name

MARTIN KLEIN

***** Notary signature will include the date....

Martin Klein

"OFFICIAL SEAL"
REBECCA A. HUME
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
My Commission Expires 06/08/2024

Rebecca A Hume
9/15/2021

Letter subject:

Re: OBJECTION to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

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To whom it may concern:

I, KRZYSZTOF SZEWCZYK, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

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Sincerely,

Sep 15th 2021

(Signature and Date)

KRZYSZTOF SZEWCZYK

(Print Name)

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Village of Arlington Heights

INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State/Commonwealth of Ill
County of Cook } ss.

On this the 15 (Day) day of September (Month), 2021 (Year), before me,

Anthony J. West (Name of Notary Public), the undersigned Notary Public,

personally appeared James Gantheo (Name(s) of Signer(s)),

☐ personally known to me – **OR** –

☑ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence

to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

ANTHONY J WEST
Official Seal
Notary Public - State of Illinois
My Commission Expires Feb 28, 2023

Signature of Notary Public

Place Notary Seal/Stamp Above

Any Other Required Information (Printed Name of Notary, Expiration Date, etc.)

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Re: OBJECTION to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

To whom it may concern:

I, James Gunther, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

14.6 Protests against an Amendment:

I have lived in this neighborhood for 43 years. It has been a great, safe, single family home community. I have a variety of concerns about the issuance of this variance.

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Sincerely,

James Gunther 9/15/01

(Signature and Date)

JAMES GUNTHER

(Print Name)

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SEP 15 2021

Village of Arlington Heights

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State/Commonwealth of ILL

County of COOK } ss.

On this the 15 (Day) day of September (Month), 2021 (Year), before me,

Anthony J. West (Name of Notary Public), the undersigned Notary Public,

personally appeared Jolanta Szmanska (Name(s) of Signer(s)),

☐ personally known to me – **OR** –

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to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein stated.

ANTHONY J WEST
Official Seal
Notary Public - State of Illinois
My Commission Expires Feb 28, 2023

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature of Notary Public

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I, JOLANTA SZYMANSKA, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

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Sincerely,

J Szymanska 15 Sep 2021

(Signature and Date)

JOLANTA SZYMANSKA

(Print Name)

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Village of Arlington Heights

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ANTHONY J WEST
Official Seal
Notary Public - State of Illinois
My Commission Expires Feb 28, 2023

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature of Notary Public

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John J. Szczerski

203 E. Valley Lane

Arlington Hts. IL 60004

VILLAGE CLERK

SEP 15 2021

Village of Arlington Heights

Sam Hubbard

Village of Arlington Hts.

33 S. Arlington Hts. Road

Arlington Hts. IL 60005

RE: Objection to Special Use Permit

I John J. Szczerski, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E. Valley Lane, oppose the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code.

I moved to this community because it was safe, secure and had good schools.

I have lived in Ivy Hill Subdivision for 40 years because it's a great residential neighborhood.

My current concern is my safety and the safety of my community. The number of Police calls Shelter Inc. generates is alarming. Police records indicate calls for assault, battery, thefts, disorderly conduct, drug offenses and criminal damage/trespass to property is very substantial. When making your decision I hope you keep safety in mind and maintain the community as a residential neighborhood.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

John J. Szczerski

John J. Szczerski

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Notary Public - State of Illinois
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To Whom It May Concern:

I, Julie Corbett, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

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If the written protest meets the requirements of this Section, the amendment shall not be passed except by the favorable vote of two-thirds of all members of the Village Board.

I have lived in this neighborhood for 27 years. It has been a great, safe, single family home community. I have a variety of concerns about the issuance of this variance. Mainly, I am concerned with my safety due to the excessive number of police calls Shelter Inc generates in a year's time and the behavior of the population living and/or going to live at the residence. Police records indicate calls for battery, domestic battery, assaults, thefts, motor vehicle theft, disorderly conduct, alcohol and drug offenses, and criminal damage/trespass to property all occurred at the current Shelter Inc location.

I am concerned that the property value will decrease with the existence of a community transitional shelter in my neighborhood.

I am concerned for the welfare of my granddaughter who resides with me and the other children that live in proximity to 207-209 E. Valley Ln. I am also concerned for the welfare of the children that attend Ivy Hill Elementary that use Valley Lane to walk to and from school.

I am concerned with the impact of the increased congestion of traffic activity only 80 ft from Arlington Heights Road on an already blind right-hand turn.

The previous noted concerns are a few of those that I have creating the basis for my objection.

Sincerely,

Julie Corbett

Julie Corbett

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me

this 15th day of September, 2021.

"OFFICIAL SEAL"
OSCAR FELICIANO JR
Notary Public - State of Illinois
My Commission Expires February 08, 2025

Notary Public

VILLAGE CLERK

SEP 16 2021

Village of Arlington Heights

Re: **OBJECTION** to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

To whom it may concern:

I, ___Athena Anninos _____, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, **OPPOSE** the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

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I have lived in this neighborhood for _27_ years. It has been a great, safe, single family home community. I have a variety of concerns about the issuance of this variance.

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The previous noted concerns are a few of those that I have creating the basis for my objection.

Sincerely,

Athena Anninos

INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State/Commonwealth of Illinois
County of Cook } ss.

On this the 15 day of sep. 2021, before me,
Day *Month* *Year*

Lubna Ibrahim, the undersigned Notary Public,
Name of Notary Public

personally appeared Athena Annino
Name(s) of Signer(s)

☐ personally known to me – **OR** –

☒ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence

to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature of Notary Public

LUBNA F IBRAHIM
Official Seal
Notary Public - State of Illinois
My Commission Expires Sep 29, 2024

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Re: OBJECTION to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

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Village of Arlington Heights

To whom it may concern:

I, ___Marinos Anninos _____, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

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I am concerned for the welfare of the children that attend Ivy Hill Elementary that use Valley lane to walk to and from school.

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Sincerely,

Marinos Anninos

INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State/Commonwealth of Illinois
County of Cook } ss.

On this the 15 (Day) day of Sep. (Month), 2021 (Year), before me,

Lubna Ibrahim (Name of Notary Public), the undersigned Notary Public,

personally appeared Marinas Annines (Name(s) of Signer(s))

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to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

LUBNA F IBRAHIM
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Notary Public - State of Illinois
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Village of Arlington Heights

Re: **OBJECTION** to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

To whom it may concern:

I, ___Gerasimos Anninos _____, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, **OPPOSE** the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

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I am concerned for the welfare of the children that attend Ivy Hill Elementary that use Valley lane to walk to and from school.

I am concerned with the impact of the increased congestion of traffic activity only 80 ft from Arlington Heights Road on an already blind right hand turn.

The previous noted concerns are a few of those that I have creating the basis for my objection.

Sincerely,

Gerasimos Anninos



INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State/Commonwealth of Illinois
County of Cook } ss

On this the 15 (Day) day of sep (Month), 2021 (Year), before me,

Lubna Ibrahim (Name of Notary Public), the undersigned Notary Public,

personally appeared Gerasimos Annines (Name(s) of Signer(s)),

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to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

LUBNA F IBRAHIM
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Notary Public - State of Illinois
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To whom it may concern:

I, Lioudmila Goldberg, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

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I have lived in this neighborhood for 16 years. It has been a great, safe, single family home community. I have a variety of concerns about the issuance of this variance.

Mainly, I am concerned with my safety due to the excessive number of police calls Shelter Inc generates in a year's time and the behavior of the population living at the residence. Police records indicate calls for battery, domestic battery, assaults, thefts, motor vehicle theft, disorderly conduct, alcohol and drug offenses, and criminal damage/trespass to property all occurred at the current Shelter Inc location.

I am concerned that my property value will decrease with the existence of a community transitional shelter in my neighborhood.

I am concerned for the welfare of the children that attend Ivy Hill Elementary that use Valley lane to walk to and from school.

I am concerned with the impact of the increased congestion of traffic activity only 80 feet from Arlington Heights Road on an already blind right hand turn.

The previous noted concerns are a few of those that I have creating the basis for my objection.

Sincerely,

Lioudmila Goldberg
310 E. Valley Ln.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

On this 15 (Day) day of September (Month), 2021 (Year) before me,

Elena Verbych (Name of Notary Public), the undersigned Notary Public,

personally appeared Lioudmila Goldberg (Names(s) of Signer(s))

☒ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

Elena Verbych
Signature of Notary Public

ELENA VERBYCH
Official Seal
Notary Public - State of Illinois
My Commission Expires Aug 10, 2024

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

VILLAGE CLERK

SEP 15 2021

Village of Arlington Heights

To whom it may concern:

I, Igor Malamud, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

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I have lived in this neighborhood for 16 years. It has been a great, safe, single family home community. I have a variety of concerns about the issuance of this variance.

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I am concerned that my property value will decrease with the existence of a community transitional shelter in my neighborhood.

I am concerned for the welfare of the children that attend Ivy Hill Elementary that use Valley lane to walk to and from school.

I am concerned with the impact of the increased congestion of traffic activity only 80 feet from Arlington Heights Road on an already blind right hand turn.

The previous noted concerns are a few of those that I have creating the basis for my objection.

Sincerely,

Igor Malamud.
310 E. Valley Ln.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

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"OFFICIAL SEAL"
REBECCA A. HUME
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
My Commission Expires 06/08/2024

Rebecca A Hume
9/15/21

Re: OBJECTION to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

To whom it may concern:

I, Marcel Ciungan, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

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I have lived in this neighborhood (at 306 E. Valley Lane), for 16 years. It has been a great, safe, single family home community. I have a variety of concerns about the issuance of this variance.

Mainly, I am concerned with my safety due to the excessive number of police calls Shelter Inc generates in a year's time and the behavior of the population living at the residence. Police records indicate calls for battery, domestic battery, assaults, thefts, motor vehicle theft, disorderly conduct, alcohol and drug offenses, and criminal damage/trespass to property all occurred at the current Shelter Inc location.

I am concerned that my property value will decrease with the existence of a community transitional shelter in my neighborhood (about 12%, we already have in this neighborhood 400 apartments subsides for low-income families) which will affect your revenue thru the property tax brackets and the city will lose the tax revenue for the 2 properties at 207-209 E. Valley Lane also.

I am concerned for the welfare of my children that attend Ivy Hill Elementary that use Valley Lane to walk to and from school.

I am concerned with the impact of the increased congestion of traffic activity only 80 ft from Arlington Heights Road on an already blind right-hand turn (my cars being hit in front of my driveway, twice).

The previous noted concerns are a few of those that I have creating the basis for my objection.

VILLAGE CLERK

SEP 15 2021

Village of Arlington Heights

Sincerely,

Marcel Ciungan

Marcel Ciungan

September 15-th, 2021

9/15/2021

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REBECCA A. HUME
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
My Commission Expires 06/08/2024

Rebecca A Hume

VILLAGE CLERK

SEP 15 2021

Village of Arlington Heights

Peter H Michaelides
204 E. Knob Hill Dr.
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004

Re: OJBECTION to Special Use Permit to allow a group home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Peter H. Michaelides, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

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My Family and I, have lived in this neighborhood for 27 years. It has been a great, safe, single family home community. I have a variety of concerns about the issuance of this variance.

I am concerned, of my safety due to the excessive number of police calls Shelter Inc generates in a year's time and the behaviour of the population living at the residence. Police records indicate calls for battery, domestic battery, assaults, thefts, motor vehicle theft, disorderly conduct, alcohol and drug offenses, and criminal damage/trespass to property that all occurred at the current Shelter Inc. location.

I am concerned, with the proposed additional six residents (total 10 to 12) which potentially double 911 service calls to police (AHPD) and Fire Department (AHFD). In turn will increase the expanse to the taxpayer/voter, therefore to the village.

I am concerned, that my property value will decrease with the existence of a community transitional group home in my neighbourhood.

I am concerned, for the welfare of the children and that attend Ivy Hill Elementary which is only a quarter mile from 207-209 that use Valley Lane to walk to and from school.

The previous noted concerns are a few of those that prompted me to protest the Special Use Permit.

Sincerely,

P. Michaelides

Peter H. Michaelides

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Date: September 14,2021

Re: Objection to Special Use Permit to allow Shelter, Inc. at 207-209 East Valley Lane Arlington Heights, Illinois

To Whom It May Concern:

I Mary Alice Follett, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E. Valley Lane, oppose the issuance of varience to Chapter 28 of the municpal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Muncipipal Code as required.

As a resident of Arlington Heights for many years and I am strongly opposing the issuance of this varience to Shelter, Inc.

My opposition is not based on the Shelter's benefit to society or a judgement on the people that are employed at or residents of the Shelter.

My opposition is based on the following facts:

1. The safety of my family and home will be in jeopardy along with the peacefullness of my home based on the excessive number of police activities at the current Shelter location in Arlington Heights.. Police records state that the police force is responding to law breaking criminal calls for battery, domestic battery, assaults, thefts, motor vehicle theft, disorderly conduct, alcohol and drug offenses and criminal damage/trepass to property. Any police action at the proposed location will cause disruption to the area (sirens, flashing lights, noise, fear about what is occurring) and disturbs the peace in my family's life and all surrounding neighbors.

2. I am concerned for the welfare of all the children that attend Ivy hill school that use Valley Lane as the route to school and the children who wait for buses, for various other schools, to pick them up along Valley Lane. Also many residents use Valley and surrounding streets for walks. They should not have to be afraid of what may happen to them in their own neighborhood.

3. Property values will go down.Reports by Realtor.com states our property value will go down by 12% If our property values go down will our property taxes in turn go down 12%? How much revenue will be lost to Arlington Heights if a non-profit goes into this home?

4. There will be more congestion because of possible parked cars or police cars at an already dangerous turn from Arlington Heights Road onto Valley as well as from Valley on to Arlington Heights Road. What does that scenerio look like for a pedestrian crossing a street in that area? Many of us cross there to shop in area stores.

5. I am very disturbed by the falsehoods that are being said by employees of Shelter:

1. Calling residents kids or adolecents when Shelter, Inc., on their own website, state it is for 18-21 year olds. Go to https://shelter-inc.org/transitional-living-program-2/ and watch the video. The facts I am writing are in that video. We all know a person at the age of 18 is by law an adult.

2. These men are still in DCFS custody and maybe on probation, or in AA or a drug addiction program. They are still in custody for a reason or are on probation for a reason.

3. Shelter, Inc. only requires their employees who supervise these homes to have a high school diploma per their August newsletter. This is far from the skilled care they claim to be giving the residents. In the Shelter, Inc. letter we received it states "Ensures credentialed, on-site staff enforces accountability and beharioral requirements."

All of the Shelter, Inc. programs, goals and activities can be accomplished in a more appropriate location where it would not alter the lives of the people living in the area.

Sincerely,

Mary Alice Follett

Mary Alice Follett
209 Knob Hill Drive
Arlington Heights, Illinois

Rebecca A Hume
9/14/2021

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REBECCA A. HUME
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
My Commission Expires 06/08/2024

Re:OBJECTION to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

To whom it may concern:

Living within 250 feet of 207-209 E Valley Lane, I **oppose** the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as stated below:

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Sincerely,

William Rosenheim
302 E. Valley Lane
Arlington Heights

MARY C PUGA-ESPINOZA
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Notary Public – State of Illinois
My Commission Expires Oct 31, 2021

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Date: September 14,2021

Re: Objection to Special Use Permit to allow Shelter, Inc. at 207-209 East Valley Lane Arlington Heights, Illinois

To Whom It May Concern:

I Ronald V. Follett, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E. Valley Lane, oppose the issuance of varience to Chapter 28 of the municpal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Muncipipal Code as required.

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Sincerely,

Ronald V. Follett

Ronald V. Follett
209 Knob Hill Drive
Arlington Heights, Illinois

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Rebecca A Hume
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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

September 13, 2021

To: The Village of Arlington Heights, IL

Re: OBJECTION to Special Use Permit to allow a shelter care home at 207-209 E Valley Lane, Arlington Heights 60004

To whom it may concern:

I, Tim McRaith, living within 250 feet of the property at 207-209 E Valley Lane, OPPOSE the issuance of a variance to Chapter 28 of the municipal code. This letter will serve as my formal response as required by section 14.6 of the Municipal Code as required noted below.

14.6 Protest Against Amendment:

Owners of the frontage of property immediately adjoining or across or directly opposite frontage which is proposed to be altered as to regulations or districts may file a written protest against a proposed amendment.

My wife, Pam, and I have lived in this neighborhood for 22 years (since October of 1999) with our children. It has been a great, safe, single family home community. I have a variety of concerns about the issuance of this variance.

Mainly, I am concerned with my safety due to the excessive number of police calls Shelter Inc generates in a year's time and the behavior of the occupants living at the residence. Over the years they have had an average of 53 calls to the police, which is 53 more times than we want in our neighborhood. Police records indicate calls for battery, domestic battery, assaults, thefts, motor vehicle theft, disorderly conduct, alcohol and drug offenses, and criminal damage/trespass to property all occurred at the current Shelter Inc location.

I am concerned that my property value will decrease with the existence of a community transitional shelter in my neighborhood. We have seen articles that say the property values decrease by 7% on average near shelters.

Ivy Hill Elementary School is just blocks away from this building. Young children will be walking home from school. Parents should not have to worry about their children being in danger. Having 12 young men between the ages of 17-21 with questionable pasts is not something we want our children subject to. One incident is too many.

The bus stops are in the neighborhood for Ivy Hill Elementary School, Thomas Middle School, and Buffalo Grove High School. Kids will be walking to those bus stops without parents. We are very concerned about their safety.

I am also concerned with the impact of the increased congestion of traffic activity only 80 ft from Arlington Heights Road on an already blind right-hand turn. There have been accidents at that intersection and with 14 additional people (12 young men and 2 administrators) coming and going just 80 feet from the intersection that will pose even more congestion and traffic.

The previous noted concerns are a few of those that I have creating the basis for my objection.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. McRaith

Timothy M. McRaith
208 E Knob Hill Drive
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
[redacted]

"OFFICIAL SEAL"
REBECCA A. HUME
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
My Commission Expires 06/08/20[illegible]

Rebecca A Hume
Cook County
9/14/2021

This packet of information contains the following:

1. **PETITION TO OPPOSE SPECIAL USE PERMIT REZONING FOR 207-209 E.VALLEY LANE- July 25, 2021(signature collection started)**

2. **Copies of the current collection of signatures of residents that have signed the petition- collection is still underway**

3. **A copy of an email sent from a resident to the Mayor and Village Trustees with some specific concerns that still existed after the informational meeting hosted by the Shelter Inc group on August 24, 2021. This email serves as 1 example of resident's concerns and should not be considered the full list of issues we have with the request for rezoning.**

This packet was presented to the members of the Village of Arlington Heights- Conceptual Plan Review Committee at their meeting at Village Hall on Wed, Sept. 1, 2021 at 6pm.

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Village of Arlington Heights

Petition Against Variation to Rezone

207-209 E. Valley Lane AH., IL 60004

We are petitioning to express our strong opposition to rezoning. A petitioner by the name of Carina H. Santa Maria MSW., of Shelter, Inc, is prospecting to purchase and turn the duplex property for sale at 207-209 E. Valley Lane in Arlington Heights into a shelter home. As neighbors we are concerned with the safety of our children and our community. "Shelter Inc. would like to use this building for its Transitional Program (TLP) which provides a home for youths assigned male at birth under guardianship of DCFS, and are between the ages of 17 to 21 transitioning into society. These youths would spend a total of 2 years in this program". The total number of youths residing at the property would be 10-12 as well as counselors. These youths may have various issues that may include psychological, behavioral &/or possible criminal involvement. The shelter organization is requesting zoning changes and a special permit in the Ivy Hill area to allow for the Shelter Inc., home and parking. "The Transitional Living Program operated by Shelter, Inc., is currently located at 397 W. Golf Road in Arlington Heights and has been there since 2012. Over the past several years the Police department has, on average, received well over 100 calls for service per year (confirmed by the AHPD) from the current Golf Road location." This is 2 calls to the police department per week.

Ivy Hill is a quiet, residential family- based neighborhood with children of all ages. A few yards from the property there is a school bus stop that pick and drops off students to and from Thomas Middle School and Buffalo Grove High School. Ivy Hill Elementary School, which serves 640 students from the community, is also located less than a half mile from the property. A large population of the students walk to and from school daily through the neighborhood utilizing Valley Lane. Many of these students live in the Circle Hill Apartment complex which resides between the school and the property.

If the zoning change is approved, the traffic will be negatively and dangerously impacted if the requested 10 parking slots are granted. Yes, 2 cars can park in the garage and 2 safely in the driveway. It also isn't clear how much daily traffic the property will generate with visitation, etc. With the location of this property just 80 feet east of Arlington Heights Road, any parking along the street in front of this property will create an unsafe traffic situation. Turning right onto Valley Lane from Arlington Heights Road is a blind turn and if there is parking with even 150 feet from the entry on Valley, drivers won't have time to react. There could be oncoming traffic that would create a narrower lane with parked cars, and if there are multiple vehicles turning onto Valley, there could be an immediate unexpected backup onto Arlington Heights Road as the first turning driver reacts to parked cars upon turning. The Conceptual Plan Committee document dated 5/26/2021 notes Valley Lane as a collector street. It should be noted that it is the main artery of access for the Circle

Hill Apartment complex housing 140 units within about one half of a mile from this property as well as all the houses along Valley, East Knob Hill Drive, etc.

If this zoning change is approved, Shelter, Inc, will be detrimental to our Ivy Hill community. The requested Special Use Permit requires that the zoning change **cannot** "alter the essential character of the locality" **nor** "be detrimental to the health, safety, moral or general welfare of persons residing in the vicinity". Allowing this zoning change will impact the character of the neighborhood by introducing a public transient function that has residents with questionable past behavior that dictated their need to have a transition back into society. This current Shelter creates more police response incidents in a year than the contiguous neighborhood does in multiple years. This Shelter will also create an unsafe environment with vehicle and pedestrian traffic within 80 feet of a 4-lane road that yields a blind right hand turn onto the street.

The values that the Ivy Hill community has established and maintained since the 1960s are at risk with this rezoning proposal. Ivy Hill has been a real estate and schooling beacon for people moving into Arlington Heights for decades. Anyone interested in moving in will think twice and maybe reject the idea if a transient shelter for at risk youth exists on their block. Arlington Heights will lose the tax revenue of home sales and no longer be the sought-after destination for families that it has been.

The residents below have agreed with the petition content above and have provided their signature to confirm that agreement.

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1	PIOTR POTAPO	Piotr Potapo	407 E Valley Ln Arlington Hts IL 60004
2	KATARZYNA Kaczmarska	Katarzyna Kaczmarska	311 E. IVY LN ARLINGTON HTS, IL 60004
3	Wojciech Korzatkowski	Wojciech Korzatkowski	311 E IVY LN Arlington HTS
4	DHARA PATEL	Dhara V. Patel	706, E VALLEY LN. Arlington Heights, IL-60004
5	KAURANG PATEL	K. B. Patel	706 E VALLEY LN ARLYNGTON HTS, IL 60004
6	Małgorzata Waz		1118 E. Crabtree Dr, AH 60004
7	STC. LAXGANG	Laxgang	1205 E CRABTREE AH 6004
8	STEFAN LAXGANG	Stefan Laxgang	" " "
9	JANUSZ WISNIENSKI		1928 N. SPRUCE TER Arlington Hts 60004
10	TERESA WISNIEWSKI	Teresa Wisniewski	1928 N. SPRUCE TERR. ARLINGTON HTS. IL 6004
11	EWA METLPSKA	Ewa Metlpska	1924 N. SPRUCE TER. ARLINGTON HTS. 60004
12	MARTA GIERSZ		2631 N STEARNS DR ARLINGTON HTS, IL 60004
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1	~~Paul Baboian~~	~~Paul D. Baboian~~	~~2235 N. Dryden Ln. Arlington Hts., IL 60004~~
2	~~Barbara Baboian~~	~~Barbara Baboian~~	~~2235 N. Dryden Ln. Arlington Hts. IL 60004~~
3	~~Jill A Krause~~	~~Jill A Krause~~	~~1414 E Elon AH, IL 60004~~
4			2715 N Harvard Ave A.H. 60004
5	NIRAL PATEL		915 E. EUCLID AVE ARL. HTS IL 60004
6	Martin Lindsay		2560 N. Haddow A AH IL 60004
7	JOHN WALKER		807 E. Cherry AH, IL 60004
8	DAVID HESS		1617 W Pinegrove Dr AH, IL 60004
9	Bob Churchill		2001 N. Verde Dr AH, IL 60004
10	Roger Van Wagner		2007 N Chestnut AH 60004
11	Scott Meskill		1113 S. Robert MT, IL 60056
12	TONY DiVITTI		1121 W. Acce St. ARL HTS, IL 60004
13	JOE LOVATO		306 E. SUNSET DR ARLINGTON HTS, IL 60004
14	DAN KLOES		2755 N Greenwood Ave Arlington Hts 60004
15	NICK		2411 N Roy Arlington Hts IL
16	John Kolbus		503 E Valley #1 Arl. Hts 60004
17	IGNACIO TERRAZAS		2121 N. VERDE DR AH. IL
18	MARC PALANO		2315 N PINE AVE ARLINGTON HTS IL 60004
19	SANKRANT REDDY		1304 Christina Ct Arlington Heights, IL 60004
20	KEVIN MURPHY		103 E. SUFFIELD DR ARLINGTON HTS 60004
	Robert Lantz	Robert Lantz	2319 N. Kennicott D A.H. IL 60004

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1	Paul Baboian	Paul D. Bab	2235 N. Dryden Ln. Arlington Hts., IL 60004
2	Barbara Baboian	Barbara Bab	2235 N. Dryden Ln Arlington Hts. IL 60004
3	Jill A Krause	Jill A Krause	1414 E Elon AH, IL 60004
4	Matt Cross		2518 N Bright Pl Arlington Hts IL
5	MARK BRAWLEY	Mark Braw	1032 E. VARLO LN ARLINGTON HTS, IL 60004
6	DAN WELTER	Dan Welter	2212 N. CHAMPLAIN A. Hts
7	Ron Fortman	Ron Fortman	607 W. Techny Rd. AH 60004
8	FRED GAMBER	Fred Gamber	889 Sherbrooke Road Lake Barrington 60010
9	JAY WELTER	Jay Welter	207 W LILLIAN ARLINGTON HTS
10	JOHN NELSON		2558 W JADE AH
11	Peter Majeski	Peter Majeski	2132 N. Williamsburg AH.
12	George Essert	George Essert	2227 N. Champlain AH Hts, IL 60004
13	BRAD OBUCHOWSKI	Brad Obuchowski	2561 N DOUGLAS AVE ARL HTS IL 60004
14	Eric Schmidt	Eric Schmidt	703 E Appleton A. Hts IL 60004
15	PHIL mueller	Phil Mueller	702 E. Crestwood Arlington Heights IL 6000
16	Brian Beck	Brian Beck	122 N Kelly St. Arlington Hts IL 60004
17	CHRIS ATHANAS	CA	2216 N Arlington Heights IL 6000
18	Jim O'Connor	Jim O'Connor	718 E. Appletree Arlgn. Hts. IL 60004
19	Tom Rebiszewski	Tom Rebiszewski	716 E. Appletree Ln Arlington Hts IL 60004
20	Richard Morton	Richard Morton	2648 N. Douglas Arlington Hts IL 60004
	Joe Derochowski	Joseph Derochowski	907 E. Appletree Lane Arlington Heights IL 60004

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1	Beky Wegner	B. Wegner	2020 N. Boxgleton Pl
2	Melody Woodsen	Melody Woodsen	2009 N Brighton Pl
3	Linda Bielsford	Linda Bielsford	1305 E Valley Lane
4	Cheryl Nelson	Cheryl Nelson	911 E Waverly Dr.
5	David Wichmann	David Wichmann	609 E IVY LANE
6	James Falkner	JAMEE FALKNOR	1323 GLENGARY CT.
7	Daniel Wichmann	Daniel C Wichmann	609 E. Ivy Ln.
8	Barbara Clarke	BARBARA VEEBEK	610 E. IVY LN
9	Maureen Wood	Maureen Wood	703 E. Ivy In AH
10	Thomas Reid	Thomas A Reid	1905 N Spruce Terr AH
11	Brian Franklc		719 E. Crestwood Dr. AH.
12	Leo Buttitta	Leo Buttitta	2234 N. Pryden Ln.
13	VERA PRUS		810 CRABTREE DR
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1	Michael Froemming	Michael A Froemming	414 Knob Hill Dr Arlington Heights, IL 60004
2	SWARIBHA GARG	Garg	406 E knobhill dr. Arlington Heights, IL 60004
3	VAIBHAV AGRAWAL		406 E knobhill dr Arlington Heights IL 60004
4	BRUCE MALMIN	Bruce Malmin	508 E. KNOB HILL DRIVE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL 60004
5	DIANE SCHMIDT	Diane Schmidt	310 KNOB HILL DR 60004
6	CINDI NEHRKE	Cindi Nehrke	2053 N COLDSPRING Rd AH 60004
7	Anna Potapo	Anna Potapo	407 E. Valley ln Arlington Hts,
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2	Martin & Sara Mobray		N. Burke Drive.
3	Anthony Griffin		Burke Dr
4	Tammi G		Burke Dr.
5	Katie Schreiner		IVY Lane
6	Adam Chorney		Ivy Lane
7	Denise Schreiner		715 E Ivy Ln
8	Jim Schreiner		715 E. Ivy Ln
9	Luke Schreiner		715 E. Ivy Ln
10	LINDA GRIPPO		1927 N Burke Dr
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1	Michael Szejka		2319 N Burke Arlington Hts IL
2	Georgina Vassilopoulos	Georgy Vassilopoulos	2310 N. Burke Dr. Arlington Heights, IL
3	Janet Green	Janet Green	2727 N. Vista Rd Arl Hts IL 60004
4	Jani Graziano	Jani Lee	238 N. Burke Dr AH IL 60004
5	Jack Graziano	Jack Graziano	231 N Burke Dr AH 60004
6	Patricia Wichmann	P. Wichmann	602 E. Valley Lane Arl. Hts 60004
7	Stacy Wodka	Swodka	1811 N Normandy Ct Arl Hts 60004
8	Teri Janus	Teri Janus	16 Pk Avon Ct Arlington Hgts IL 60004
9	Nancy Conlin	Nancy Conlin	615 S. Evergreen Apt Hts. IL 60005
10	Laura Heissel	Laura Heissel	1102 E Waverly Dr Arl HTS, IL 60004
11	Alex Wodka	Alex Wodka	1811 Normandy Ct A.H IL 60004
12	Emily Graziano	Emily Graziano	2318 N Burke Dr Arlington Hts IL 60004
13	Sam Marsillo	Sam Marsillo	602 E. VALLEY ARL HTS, IL 60004
14	Deb Marsillo	Deborah Marsillo	602 E. Valley La. Arl. Hgts, IL 60004
15	Mary Jo O'Connor	Mary Jo O'Connor	718 E. Appletree Ln Arlington Hts Il. 60004
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1	BILL FOX		200 W CAMPBELL ST ARLINGTON HTS
2	JOHN BROWN		1735 N. CHESTNUT ARLINGTON HTS, IL
3	Alan Johnson		215 S. Arlington Arl Hts IL 60004
4		DANIEL R. LINDEN	420 W. Brampton LN Arlington Hts. IL 60004
5	JOHN HEINZ		2nd W. Fremont Arl. Hts
6	DOMINIC Magno		3185 DRURY LN ARLINGTON HTS IL 60004
7	Robin Goldman		505 E valley Ln. AH IL 60004
8	Dominique ESSEX		505 E Valley Ln AH IL 60004
9	AL GOULD		409 E. VALLEY AH IL 60004
10	RAY CLAY		2179 N. LAKE SHORE CIR ARL HTS 60004
11	Rick Lockwood		1007 N. PATTON AVE ARL HTS 60004
12	Scott Albrecht		123 S Sunset Ridge Dr. Arlington Heights, IL 60005
13	Carol Kuick	Carol Kuick	418 E. Valley LN A.H. 60004
14	Laurie McCullough		2003 ROBIN HOOD LN A.H. 60004
15	Michael Kimas		2450 E Wood Hill Rd, Arlington Ht, Il 60004
16	Jargalan Chimedregzen		503 E Valley Ln Arlington Heights, IL, 60004
17	Debbie Clay		2179 N. Lake Shore Circle Arlington Hts. IL 60004
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1	THOMAS E. GREGOIRE	Thomas E Gregoire	502 E. Valley Lane
2	Beth C. Arnold	Beth C Arnold	502 E. Valley Lane
3	Candice Oldenburg	Candice Oldenburg	414 E. Valley Lane
4	Jacob Oldenburg		414 E. Valley Lane
5	Bruce F. Ackerman	Bruce F. Ackerman	419 E. Knob Hills Drive
6	Donna K. Ackerman	Donna K. Ackerman	419 E. Knob Hill Dr. 60004
7	KAREN T. SZEJKA	K Szejka	2319 N. Burke AH 60004
8	Mike Thiry	Mike Thiry	2203 N Kennicott Arlington Hts 60004
9	BILL SHERIDAN	Bill Sheridan	1005 E Centralia Ave ARL HGTS IL
10	Mark Peters MARK PETERS	Mark Peters	1931 N. WINDSOR ARL HTS.
11	Patrick Doyle	Patrick Doyle	1431 E Walnut
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13	JOHN BENCHECK	John Benchek	1608 E JONQUIL TER
14	Chuck Kubik	Charles P Kubik	4018 N MITCHELL DR
15	Jerry Wiseman	Jerry L. Wiseman	1078 Moorings Dr.
16	Jim Chrystal	Jim Chrystal	2708 N. Brighton Pl.
17	GEORGE BENERO		2161 COLDSPRING
18	Gregg Crowell	Gregg Crowell	433 S. Dryden Pl.
19	LAWRENCE R. NIELSEN	Lawrence R Nielsen	961 E Golf Rd.
20		WILLIAM RODEE	1034 PUNHILL CT N

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2	Michelle C Yaryan		315 East Knob Hill Drive Arlington Heights IL 60004
3	Kristie Gunther		307 E Knob Hill Drive Arlington Heights IL 60004
4	JAMES GUNTHER	James Gunther	307 E KNOB HILL DRIVE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS IL 60004
5	PATRICIA HUDES		314 E KNOB HILL DR ARL HTS IL, 60004
6			314 E KNOB HILL DR ARL HTS IL 60004
7	Colleen Froehlicher		411 E Knob Hill Dr Arlington Hts, IL
8	Roberta P Weber	Roberta P Weber	403 E Knob Hill Dr Arlington Heights, IL
9	Timothy Weber		403 E Knob Hill Dr Arlington Heights, IL
10	David Shecterle		505 E. Knob Hill Dr Arl. Hts, IL 60004
11	Darcy Moder		415 E Knob Hill Dr Arl Hts. IL 60004
12	Marie Schalke	Marie Schalke	318 E Knob Hill Dr AH., IL 60004
13	Stan Clary		407 E Knob Hill Dr Arlington Heights IL 60004
14	Lisa Clary		
15	MARTIN KLEIN		504 E. KNOB HILL DR ARL. HTS. IL 60004
16	William Arnold		502 E Knob Hill Dr. Arlington Hts, IL 60004
17	JEAN ARNOLD		502 E. Knob Hill Dr. Arlington Hts., IL 60004
18	KRZYSZTOF SZEWCZYK		303 E. KNOB HILL DR ARLINGTON HEIGHTS IL 60004
19	JOLANTA SZYMANSKA		303 E KNOB HILL ARLINGTON HGTS, IL 60004
20	Judith Froemming		414 E KNOB HILL A.H., IL 60004

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2	Marina Shteynberg	Marina Shteynberg	213 E. Valley Ln Arlington Hts IL 60004
3	Miya Siegellak	Miya Siegel	305. E Valley Lane, Arl Hts.
4	Theresa M. Wells	Theresa M. Wells	402 E Valley Lane, AH 60004
5	Arthur Polonsky		409 E Valley Lane 60004
6	Lana Polonsky	Greg	409 E Valley Ln 60004
7	Rubin Toler		413 E. Valley Ln 60004
8	SANDRA TOLER	Sandra Toler	413 E. Valley LN 60004
9	Megan Anderson	Megan	417 E Valley Ln. 60004
10	MARIAN FIORKA		421 E Valley Ln Arl Hts.
11	Doljinsuren Dashzeveg	Doljinsuren	503 E. Valley Ln
12	Karla Ott		405 E Valley LN Arlington
13	Brad W		402 E Valley LN Arlington Hts IL
14	VASYL KONDRATYUK	V. Kondratyuk	415 E. VALLEY LN, ARLINGTON HTS. IL 60004
15	Pete Catino	Pete Catino	410 E. Valley LN Arlington HTS IL 60004
16	RON FOLLETT	Ron Follett	209 KNOB HILL DR. ARLINGTON HTS. IL 60004
17	MARY ALICE FOLLETT	Mary Alice Follett	209 KNOB HILL DR ARL. HTS IL 60004
18	Joe NOWAK		214 Knob Hill Dr Arl Hts 60004
19	Tim McRaith	Tim McRaith	208 E. Knob Hill Dr. ARL. HTS. IL 60004
20	Carlo Iaccino	Carlo IACCINO	210 E. KNOB HILL Dr Arl. Hts IL 60004

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3	JOHN SZCZERSKI	John Szczerski	203 E. VALLEY LN.
4	Athena Annis	ATHENA ANNINOS	215 E. VALLEY LN.
5	MARINOS ANNINOS		215 E. VALLEY LN.
6	Julie Corbett	Julie Corbett	217 Valley LN.
7	William Rosenheim		302 E VALLEY LN.
8	Laura Rosenheim	Laura Rosenheim	302 E. Valley Lane
9	Macal Cunnyan		306 E Valley Lane
10	Porfiria Cunnyan		306 East Valley Lane
11	IGOR MALAMUD		310 E. Valley Ln
12	Liudmila Goldberg		310 E. Valley Ln.
13	Virginia Joyce		315 E. Valley LN AH
14	Patricia Naughton	Patricia Naughton	314 E Valley Ln
15	JOE Bonadonna		314 E Valley L.N.
16	MARK Buttliere	Mark Buttliere	314 E Valley Ln
17	ROBERT J CARUSO		403 E Valley Ln
18	Andrew GIBAS	Andrew Gibas	406 E. Valley Ln. Aring Mgt.
19	SCOTT JAKSON		205 E Knob Hill Dr
20	JOE. McGUIRE		210 E. KNOB HILL DRIVE