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RE: Temporary Use Permit Application No: TU000091

To Whom it May Concern:

We are writing this letter to voice our very strong concern and disagreement with the proposal to allow "Supportive Housing" on the property at the end of 3rd Avenue.

We have two businesses in town. One, Advanced Industrial Group, has been in the 600 block of 3rd Avenue since 2001. We have seen many changes over the years. The last 5-7 years have been the worst. We have been actively looking for a suitable space to move our business for a couple of years now because it has gotten so bad downtown and we don't even see the worst of it.

I have talked to many other business owners and people that work downtown and a lot of other businesses have it much worse than we do. Two of our direct neighbors have had fires that were started by the "unhoused" and this has impacted our business as well with internet/phone issues. Our problems were nothing compared to the hardship they experienced after having to shut down and try to rebuild. They were affected for months.

We have been hired by a couple of clients to try and clean up the mess that these people leave on private property. We have had to paint buildings that have been burnt by the fires (not the two I referred to above). We have also put up a fence at another downtown business to try and keep these people from hanging out and starting fires on the property.

On a regular basis, we receive phone calls in the middle of the night from our alarm company because people have broken into our locked and alarmed compound. They steal motors, wiring or anything they can from the equipment and machinery in our compound. I have had my wallet stolen by a man who hit many other local businesses. He just walked in while I was in the bathroom and went behind my desk and took it from underneath. Our employees have had vehicles broken into and windows smashed. One of our female employees confronted a woman on a bike who was trying to get in our employee's car. This resulted in the woman threatening my employee with bear spray and trying to get into our business.

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They leave needles, condoms, garbage and clothing all over the sidewalks and alleys here. They ride their bikes around looking for places to steal from later on once we close up our businesses. If we leave our compound open during the day for deliveries, they come right in. We pick up human feces in front of our shop and these people urinate all over our door and walls.

Our downtown neighborhood is no longer the safe community that it was in the early 2000's. It is now dirty, scary and a complete embarrassment. We no longer welcome out of town clients and suppliers to our building as this entire area is a disgrace.

We strongly oppose this proposal and are very fearful for what it will do to our already struggling neighborhood. If the housing goes through, I fear it will put many businesses out of business and push the rest of us out of the area.

Regards,

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