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Dear Mr. Mayor and City Councillors.

I am a Front-line Support Worker at Harmony House, I'm writing this letter to try to explain why I feel we need the new beautiful state of the art Harmony House in the new safer away from the downtown area location to Union/Zelkwas Streets.

We are not a "Drop in Centre" like the Shelters downtown, you will not find drug paraphenalia scattered around outside our building. We are a long-term "Home" for Women and Children who need help and support. We provide 24 hour a day care and guidance to our Moms, Babies and Children.

We take in the Women who in some cases Society has thrown away like they are worthless and bring them back to life, we teach them to love themselves and in doing so are able to love others and become a new and better person. No longer broken and empty inside. We nourish their souls as well as their bodies. Everyone deserves a chance at a good stable home life. Imagine if one of our Ladies was someone you know or cared about, wouldn't you want her to have a safe haven to go to for protection?

Our goal is to teach and encourage the moms to be independent and provide a loving home and safe environment for their Children.

At Harmony House we teach life skills like cooking healthy nutritious meals, budgeting and keeping a clean house, the normal everyday things that a regular household does on a daily basis.

Our Ladies attend daily groups on healing, drug/alcohol addictions, spousal abuse, surviving trauma, be it from sexual assault or the lose of a Loved One.

There isn't anything more rewarding to hear than the sound of happiness in the Mom's voices and the laughter of healthy happy Children playing.

All we, at Harmony House are asking that you consider the long term benefits that we providing for these amazing Women who are only asking for a chance at bettering themselves and their lives for their Children. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely yours, Marjorie F Wanner