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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to oppose the plan to potentially house homeless individuals at the Norwood Inn on French Island. I do not feel this is the best place for them because of the close proximity to an elementary school and neighborhoods with children. I feel it may cause an increase in crime rate such as break ins and theft in the nearby neighborhoods. This population also seems to generate a large volume for police calls which will have a negative impact on the small police force on French Island. I think if plans are to house a large number of homeless individuals in one place , regardless of where it is, then there should also be a plan for direct supervision within the building with social services and other resources available. I think the Econo Lodge serves as an example of what happens when all you do is provide housing and nothing else. Many of these people have addiction and mental health issues that need to be addressed for them to regain their independence and function in society.

Thank you for your consideration,
Roger and Kerri Piazza

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