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I am writing this email to voice my concern over this issue.

I moved to Manitowoc about 1 year ago to retire and enjoy the beautiful lake in an affordable, nice, safe area. Now, however, that may change things with transitional housing moving across the street from my home. I'm not in favor of this. Statistically, there will be more problems with crime, security, loitering, drugs and the like. My property value could go down as a result and as a senior citizen, that is not something that works in my favor. Who is going to assure me that the value of my home and the safety of the neighborhood won't change. What about sex offenders and other criminals that might come from other cities once the word gets out about free housing/low income housing. Social media spreads that information like wild fire. The space would be better use for low income senior housing as they struggle making ends meet too. There aren't enough of those in this area, so why not that? This isn't fair to those of us opposed to this project. What choice do we have? I pay taxes and have worked hard my entire life, not always having an easy time of it but doing whatever I needed to pay the bills. If you don't teach the homeless to fish, then they are less likely to want to solve their homelessness because they get the fish for nothing. They should be vetted coming into this and there should be rules. I'm not heartless and I know not everyone in a homeless shelter can't always help it. But, there needs to be a plan of action. I attended the meeting last week and they said they were collaborating with the police to ensure they patrol. They also said to form strong neighborhood watch groups, while stating the homeless are harmless. This is a contradiction. Police can't do anything to protect us because a crime has to be committed first. Talk to the workers at the Kwik Trip on 8th street across from the church where the warming center is. They will tell you what they've seen. This should not be taken lightly as it may solve one problem but create a whole lot of other problems. Manitowoc wants to be a place for tourism. If crime goes up, tourism will go down. You will have big city problems because it will draw them here.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns in this matter.

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