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Here is another one to add.

Thanks!

Mayor Justin M. Nickels
City of Manitowoc

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Dear Mayor Nickels and Common Council Members,

We are writing this letter fully supporting the effort to turn the old McKinley school building at 1010 Huron St. into a warming shelter and affordable apartments. This is a wonderful idea and something that is much needed in our community. The current warming shelter has been a success, but has been limited in the services that they can provide to those in need of shelter.

The City of Manitowoc conducted a Housing Study and Needs Assessment in 2021 and identified the need for housing in Manitowoc, including the need for homeless and affordable housing. This proposed initiative which consists of a collaboration between the Manitowoc Warming Shelter, the Haven, and Hope House will begin to address these needs and make our community stronger and more supportive of all our citizens.

We realize that some of the property owners in this area are worried about safety and property values in their neighborhood, but we think the same thing happened when the Haven was first opening their doors and they are now a part of our community and accepted as a positive force in our city. We believe that having the McKinley building being used and maintained will enhance property values and support our city overall. We can't just ignore this problem and hope it goes away. We need to address these issues and actively work to improve our community by caring for all our citizens.

Thank you for listening and considering community input when making your decisions.

Sincerely, Linda and Dave Gratz

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