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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing in support of the Purpose Society's 422 6th street Transitional Housing. The Purpose Transitional Housing will predominantly house individuals transitioning from homelessness who are wanting to improve their circumstances. These individuals may be coming out of a treatment program or stabilizing their lives after experiencing ongoing mental illness. The support of our community members is essential as they work towards employability, independent living and contributing positively to our city.

To ensure the success of this housing initiative, the tenants will be asked to agree to participate in a day program that focuses on employment, education or occupational therapy. They will also be asked to support the well being of other tenants and to contribute to the safety of the building. Purpose staff members and volunteers will be there to help with life skills, health and nutrition as well as activities.

In our experience with Purpose we have found them to be competent, compassionate, and reliable. They have been a great help to our agency in supplying harm reduction materials, connecting people in need to our housing and shelter, and connecting people with needed supports, such as treatment. In fact, just last week our Shelter staff received a call from an individual that had been brought to us by Purpose, and Purpose had then gotten him into a treatment program. He was just calling to say how well he was doing and thankful he was for the support. The level of trust and rapport that people have with Purpose is visible in every interaction we've had.

I urge city councillors to recognize the importance of housing vulnerable community members who are eager to transform their lives. Purpose has demonstrated that they have the experience and approach needed to assist people in this key transition. Setting these tenants up for success will not only enhance their personal lives but also benefit our community as a whole.

Sincerely,

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