

Bobbie Walthall

From: katherine dinsdale [khdins@sunflower.com]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 11:10 AM
To: Bobbie Walthall
Subject: letter for city commission and mayor

Dear Ms. Walthall,
Please forward the attached letter to Mr. Corliss as well as Commissioners and Mayor Dever.
I've copied it below, for your convenience, as well.
Thank you,

Katherine Dinsdale

February 23, 2009

Lawrence City Hall

6 E. Sixth

Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Mayor Dever, Commissioners and City Staff,

This letter is sent just to notify you that the Commission on Homelessness is supporting an earmark request of \$600,000 presented to Senator Sam Brownback and Representative Dennis Moore by the Lawrence Community Shelter. As you well know, such an addition to the HUD Appropriations bill will significantly help with the purchase, renovation and/or construction of a primary shelter for the homeless in Lawrence/Douglas County.

As chair of the mayor's appointed Lawrence Community Commission on Homelessness, I'm writing to show our Commission's strong support of that request by Shelter Director Loring Henderson and to reassure you that this funding would be a great help as we work to provide housing to the neediest members of our community.

The long-term housing vision our Commission has adopted names Lawrence Community Shelter as the sole emergency shelter for the homeless in Lawrence and Douglas County. LCS is funded by a mix of public and private funders and the relocation and expansion of the shelter from its current crowded and inadequate facility is an essential step in keeping with the federal HUD goal to reduce homelessness in the U.S.

Currently our community's best point-in-time count of homeless people in the city and county is 373. Only 85 emergency shelter beds are available. We appreciate your help in supporting this earmark request.

Sincerely,

Katherine Dinsdale

Chair, Community Commission on Homelessness

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