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City Commission
6 East 6th Street
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of The Salvation Army, Lawrence Community Shelter and ECKAN and the homeless population that we serve, request that the item concerning the Homeless Outreach Workers on the City Commission's January 26, 2010 consent agenda that would decrease the number of Homeless Outreach workers from 4 to 3 be deferred to allow the providers of direct homeless services the opportunity to have input in this issue.

As partners with Bert Nash and providers of direct services to those experiencing homelessness, we would like to have 30 days to have an open and transparent dialogue with city staff, The Community Commission on Homelessness and Bert Nash to discuss the structure of the homeless outreach team and potential funding solutions. Our overall concern is that the elimination of one homeless outreach team member will have a deleterious effect on services provided to those experiencing homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Wesley Dalberg, Captain
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