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To: Diane Stoddard
Subject: RE: Affordable housing

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Mayor Farmer, Vice-Mayor Soden, Commissioner Amyx, Commissioner Boley & Commissioner Herbert,

While I have not been involved with Justice Matters, many friends encouraged me to attend the event at the Lied Center.

I was taken aback by all the people who attended, and the many walks of life represented in the audience and from the churches represented at that event.

While this is an enormous request, I encourage you to give the affordable housing issue serious consideration, as the need is very real, and was discussed frequently during the years when I had the privilege of serving on the Homeless Task Force which eventually led to a new Homeless Shelter supported by many in the community.

Affordable housing is a daunting problem, and the cost is also daunting. I know you will give the request serious consideration and appreciate you moving forward with initiatives to determine the best course of action for our community, given the tight budget constraints of the City.

Thank you for your thoughtful work and your service to the City of Lawrence.

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