

## **Bobbie Walthall**

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**From:** Tom Markus  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 18, 2017 12:43 PM  
**To:** Casey Toomay  
**Cc:** Bryan Kidney  
**Subject:** Fwd: Lawrence Community Shelter

Please contact John Tacha and schedule a time for us including you and Bryan to meet.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** John Tacha <[jrtacha@gmail.com](mailto:jrtacha@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** February 15, 2017 at 10:41:02 AM EST  
**To:** [tmarkus@lawrenceks.org](mailto:tmarkus@lawrenceks.org)  
**Subject:** Lawrence Community Shelter

Tom,

My name is John Tacha and I am the current president of the board of the Lawrence Community Shelter. We met once in a session going over the city's audit of the shelter.

I know you are very busy, so I will keep this short as this is basically just me spit-balling an idea in my last couple months "in office" and it will, if successful at all, require further discussions with you as well as the city commission.

My proposal is that the city forgives the rest of the loan on our building.

We currently owe the city \$461,308.74 which means that we have paid about 3.4 million dollars toward the building purely through private donations, grants we pursued, etc. While the loan from the city was essential in helping us to close the deal, it was still a loan and our note is on a 30 year amortization that will come due in 2031, at which time we will still owe about \$260,000, which is not an amount, no matter what the climate, we will be able produce.

Our payments to the city each month are less than \$2000 and while that amount would personally change my lifestyle, it is a drop in a pool as reflected in the city's bottom line or even compared to the "grant" that the city ok'd for another shelter in town.

Finally, I don't need to tell you how much holding the title to our building would do for us financially and for that matter spiritually.

I truly hope this is a subject we can discuss this further in the near future.

Feel free to reply here or you are welcome to contact me at my office at 843-9197 or on my phone which is 331-8867.

Thank you for your time,  
John