



May 12, 2021

Dear Supervisor Storck,

I am writing in support of the homeless shelter at Beacon Hill. The congregation of Aldersgate United Methodist Church has been actively involved in homeless ministry for many years, partnering with Rising Hope and others along the Route One corridor. Though we are located a few miles from the intended location, we recognize our community will be impacted. We know the call of the gospel is to look out for our poor and vulnerable, and we feel compelled to live into that call in partnership with other churches and organizations in our community.

As with other churches and organizations, we have experience in helping those in need remain in their housing. We provide food, clothing, and volunteer staffing for the hypothermia shelter at Rising Hope. We work with other organizations such as Phoenix Rising to provide food for the homeless and along Route One as well. This new shelter will be an asset in the ongoing fight to help people feel safe, warm and be fed. The hope provided by the new shelter will help move them onto the next steps in their longer-term wellbeing and care as well as use the resources provided to find their own living space, and meaningful and sustainable work.

Aldersgate, a community of faith, has a responsibility to help those in need and to act as the hands and feet of Christ. Our desire, as able, is to find new and exciting ways to partner with this new mission and venture, so that we can all be better spiritually, physically, and relationally.

Thank you for taking to time to listen and for your service to this community.

Serving Together,

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Lead Pastor  
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