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I am in full support of the proposed New Shelter connected to Fire House on Beacon Hill Road. The replacement of the Eleanor Kennedy Shelter is LONG OVERDUE. Homeless, Staff, Volunteers have been struggling with a facility that is way past its closing date. Please don't be afraid of approving this new facility. There is bus service nearby, Health Services nearby, Stores available nearby for food and medical needs. The Eleanor Kennedy Shelter has been operating for a long time and there have been few if any incidents of problems from the residents and they were handled by the police that the Shelter Staff called. I delivered food there for years and attended meetings and was never approached. Please it has taken more time than was needed to find a location that will accommodate Fire Personnel and equipment. Single Adults and Homeless. Don't let fear be your objection to this most needed facility in the our part of Fairfax County.

Thank you, Barbara Cotter, VIC representative for St. Aidan's Episcopal Church.