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- Meeting Date: 05/28/2025
- Section of Agenda you would like to comment on: Public Comment
- Your Comment: Concerns Regarding Pete's Place Shelter

As a mother, a school counselor, and a resident living in the vicinity of Pete's Place, I feel compelled to address the increasingly problematic situation surrounding the shelter. I've observed firsthand how the current operational model appears to be enabling drug abuse, crime, and violence within our community.

It seems that without adequate systems of support and proper supervision, Pete's Place is inadvertently becoming a congregation point for individuals to engage in illicit activities. Evidence consistently shows that the most effective support for individuals experiencing homelessness involves a comprehensive pathway that includes counseling, addiction support, family therapy, and rehabilitation. The current environment at Pete's Place, unfortunately, does not seem to align with this proven approach.

Furthermore, the assertion that Pete's Place is not responsible for monitoring activities directly outside its doors is unacceptable. There have been instances where children have been exposed to these problematic gatherings staying with their unhoused adult for extended periods without intervention, which is a severe safety concern.

The current situation is not sustainable and is not working for our community or for those the shelter aims to serve. We need to prioritize the safety and well-being of all residents, especially our children, and ensure that support for the unhoused is provided in a way that truly fosters recovery and stability.