

SUPPORT AND APPROVE WASHINGTON COUNTY EMERGENCY HOUSING PROJECT

To: City of Stillwater Mayor, Mr. Ted Kozlowski and City of Stillwater Council Members,

I am asking for your active support for the Washington County Emergency Housing project proposed to be located in Stillwater. I understand that you have participated in meetings with representatives from Washington County and have received informative materials from them regarding this project.

The time is right for strong community support for this project, and due to numerous geographical and population considerations, Stillwater is an excellent choice for the location of this project. The Washington Co. and Stillwater communities are very capable of supporting this endeavor in many ways from volunteering to assist with facility operations to advocacy for providing supportive services and affordable housing options. The proposed operational format focused on 24/7 staffing to provide safety as well as wraparound services will allow homeless individuals the opportunity to prepare to move from despair to hope within our community.

Thank you for your willingness to support this worthwhile project. Please know that many citizens in our community are supportive and will back the elected leadership of the City of Stillwater as they move forward with the process to welcome Emergency Housing to Stillwater. I am confident that Stillwater will be seen as a leader in the wider community for providing a location and support for Emergency Housing. Please refer to the sampling of relevant data, below, and contact Jenny Mason at jenny.mason@co.washington.mn.us if you have additional questions.

I support the plan to implement the Washington County Emergency Housing project in Stillwater.

I appreciate your leadership that will make this project a reality.

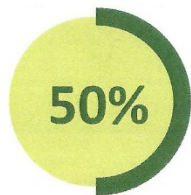
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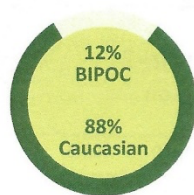
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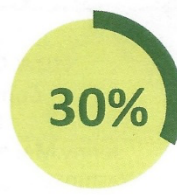
Who will be served by Emergency Housing for Individuals?



50% of residents are receiving support for a known disability



88% of residents identify as Caucasian, 12% identify as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color



30% of residents are 55+. Current average age in emergency housing is 56.



100% of residents faced record housing cost and pandemic challenges before losing their home

Based on Washington County shelter demographics 2020-2022