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Dear Councilmember Garcia:

Am writing to you as a concerned business partner at 2622 S 24<sup>th</sup> Street. We understand that the City of Phoenix is considering rezoning a property at 2425 S. 24<sup>th</sup> St. in Phoenix to allow for a homeless shelter. This is the one from Community Bridges, case number Z-SP-12-22.

We were never provided a letter of notice and thus did not know about a meeting scheduled on this matter back in February. Our mail carrier informed us of what was going on at the hotel near us. He shared many bad experiences other neighbors had already had to go through and warned we should be more careful, especially women.

Currently, there are zero assurances that what is proposed to be allowed will not negatively affect the neighborhood. Just a few weeks ago, many fire trucks, police officers, command stations were gathered at that area trying to control a meth lab installation attempt. And a week or so ago, there was a murder. Our business recently had a break in attempt with a crow bar and the lock on our gate cut off and taken. Mind you we cannot ever fully fence our property due to easements and need for utility access.

How can this shelter and homeless residents already be at this location before rezoning is approved?

How can the State, City, CBI and others provide assurances that our business, customers, vendors, peers and providers will not be in subjected to harm?

Why should we have to even consider adding costs to our business for security, cameras, fencing, additional locks, schedule adjustments and the like when the City isn't considering do this the right way?

Just the other day, in the parking lot next to ours, on a weekend, I witnessed a homeless man defecating in the grass. The bus stop by our location has had far more activity and garbage littered about. There have been more people on bikes with backpacks riding through parking lots obviously looking for crimes of opportunity. One doesn't look into a car that is not their own with good motives.

We care about the homeless and give to many charities in support. To do that requires we earn a good living and to do that requires our business is not negatively affected by situations we are now having to experience. I bring my grandchildren to work on weekends sometimes to teach them about accounting, filing, etcetera. Can't do that now.

It feels as if the zoning part of this project is being rushed through, almost an afterthought since this is already happening. Why not put the brakes on and allow more input from the neighbors. It's possible we have good ideas to share and better ways of helping the homeless. At the very minimum, the City needs to immediately provide better security, onsite, 24/7 and we deserve to know who is living at that location. Afterall, they know who we are. Please help us work through this matter in a more upfront, clear eyed manner rather than the under the radar sneaky way it seems to be happening at this moment. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Stephanie McDowell

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