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Subject: FW: Reminder: Olympia Council Discussion of CDBG Proposals - Tuesday evening, May 22

Reminder: The Olympia City Council will be discussing the 2012 CDBG proposals and may be giving direction on which proposal they favor:

**7 pm Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 22nd
Olympia City Council Chambers
601 4th Avenue East**

Link to the staff report: http://olympiawa.gov/documents/CouncilPackets/20120521/OB_CDBG_STF.pdf

Summary of Proposals:**1. Catholic Community Services**

“The Thurston County Family Center”

Request: \$551,500 plus the City’s Smith Building Proposal Summary: a) Central Access Point; b) Day Resource Center; and c) future housing development

2. Family Support Center

“Family Shelter & Affordable Housing Project”

Request: \$551,500 plus the City’s Smith Building

Proposal Summary:

a) Provide 32 beds of emergency family shelter; b) provide 28 beds of transitional housing for families

3. Media Island/Occupy Olympia

“Olympia Resource Center Project”

Request: \$300,000 plus the City’s Smith Building

Proposal Summary: a) Community Center; b) Hygiene Center; and, c) Emergency Shelter

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4. SafePlace

“SafePlace New Community Service Center”

Request: \$551,500, (of which they propose to use \$45,000 for first-year operating expenses), plus the City’s Smith Building

Proposal Summary:

a) Community Service Center for victims of domestic violence

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From: Mary Nolan
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 2:44 PM
To: Steve Friddle; Anna Schlecht; Connie Cobb
Subject: FW: CDBG/Smith Building Proposals

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Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] CDBG/Smith Building Proposals

I am writing to support the application from SafePlace for the new Community Service Center. Domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness in this society, whether it is a teen taking to the street to avoid abuse at home, or a mother leaving an abusive relationship – unfortunately, violence in the home is a major reason people flee to the streets.

Right now, SafePlace counselors must sometimes meet with crisis victims in the restroom, as the need is so great its current office is bursting at the seams. SafePlace has already raised substantial funds for a new community center to house both counseling and educational outreach services. With the city's support, we can revitalize the Smith Building and make the new community center a reality in the near future, while meeting the city's goal of reducing homelessness in the city's downtown core. We not only shelter victims, we also provide support to survivors in finding housing, and ongoing emotional and legal support to keep that housing.

I urge you to support this project and the SafePlace application for CDBG funds and rehabilitation of the Smith Building.

Lucy Clifthorne
SafePlace board member

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From: Mary Nolan
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Importance: High

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Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] CDBG Highlights
Importance: High

Dear Mayor Buxbaum and Council Members Jones, Langer, Rogers, Hankins, Roe and Cooper:

Thank you for the opportunity to present the City of Olympia with our application for CDBG funds and the Smith Building.

SafePlace wishes to acknowledge that our application is funding ready to help homeless individuals in our community.

We are ready to remodel the Smith Building creating a Center that will provide housing advocacy and related support for low or no income homeless survivors of domestic violence who have been either sleeping in their cars with their children, moving from shelter to shelter, staying on the couches of family or friends or worse.

If SafePlace is granted the City of Olympia CDBG funds and the Smith Building, we will within a few months, be able to put 15-20 construction workers in a job—remodeling the center. SafePlace is the only organization this year to receive state capital funds (\$778,000) for jobs creation of this

type. We will serve an increase of 239 individuals (1,835 individuals total) at this center in our first year of our operation.

These funds coupled with the generosity of so many in our community who have already financially given, will allow SafePlace to put the Smith Building quickly to good use for this purpose on your behalf.

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to apply to help so many more.

Warmly,

Mary Pontarolo

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-----Original Message-----

From: Thad Curtz [mailto:curtzt@nuprometheus.com]
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To: Stephen Langer; Karen Rogers; Stephen Buxbaum; Jim Cooper; Julie Hankins; Jeannine Roe; Nathaniel Jones
Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] Smith Building Proposals

Dear Councilmembers;

I've written a (rather long) piece on OlyBlog about the proposals for the Smith Building. I'm sending it to you, in case you're interested.

After getting to the end of writing this, I think that you ought to have a much more careful analysis of two things before you make any decision among these proposals - the budgets/construction plans, and the question of what the City's grant will or will not add to will happen anyway without it.

In particular, it seems clear to me that SafePlace is already in position to build a somewhat smaller new building if they don't get this grant; it's not clear to me that they will have to provide a significantly reduced level of services in that case. (They clearly need considerably more than the 2,300 square feet they have now, but there are a lot of possible sizes between that and 12,000 square feet.) It also seems clear that Catholic Community Services might apply for grant funding and build multi-unit housing on some other piece of land than the Smith Building parking lot in the future, if they wanted to.

Best wishes,
 Thad Curtz

Here's the piece:

This week, the Council will consider the responses they received to the RFP they issued a while ago, asking for proposals to use this year's \$550K in CDBG funding and the Smith Building (the big yellow one across from the one City Hall) to address various goals about reducing homelessness, investing in downtown, developing affordable housing, and strengthening relationships among social service agencies,

There are four proposals. Family Support Services would like to spend \$1.16 million to convert the building directly into temporary shelter housing and on-site supported transitional housing for families with kids. Their plans show the first floor with six apartments for emergency shelter plus two offices and a common area to allow on-site preventive and supportive services, and a skylit shared courtyard surrounded by six family suites with two and three bedrooms for transitional housing on the second floor. They'd move their current emergency family shelter out of the basement at First Christian (where families have to leave every morning and can't come back until evening) into this new space, and the church says it would develop some new independent shelter operation there - perhaps a year round adult women's emergency shelter space to improve on the current arrangement that rotates from church to church in the winter.

Catholic Community Services' proposal would spend \$670,000 to convert the Smith Building into a central access point for homeless services, with 33 on-site offices for staff including people from other collaborating social service agencies, two conference rooms, and a day resource center with computers for homeless people; they would intend to apply for federal and state funding to eventually build a multi-level housing project with something like fifty units on the parking lot next to the current building.

The proposal from Occupy Olympia and Media Island asks for \$300,000 and presents a general vision for converting the whole building to emergency shelter space for two or three hundred people as a first step; then adding community center facilities like showers, social services support, washing machines and dryers, computers, medical services, storage lockers, and classes as a second phase; then gradually constructing housing on adjacent lots.

SafePlace proposes using the space for the community service center for victims of domestic and sexual violence that they've been working toward building for some time. They would expand their current 2,300 square foot Community Service Center into 12,000 square feet, spending \$2.524 million to remodel the building into rooms for individual and group counseling, an office for a 24-hour crisis line, large classroom/meeting rooms for workshops and community events, a children's room with adjacent staff space, a restaurant to provide kitchen space and job training for survivors interested in starting small businesses, a large lobby for restaurant seating and "community engagement", and administrative office space.

The staff has done a matrix about the proposals, which gives the three from established social service agencies 30, 31, and 32 points out of a possible 35. (They rate the Occupy Olympia/Media Island proposal at 22 because they don't have any secured funding or a specific plan for raising money, they don't have any partners from the established social services organizations, and their experience in providing shelter has been limited.) Though the other numeric differences don't signify much, the columns where proposals got different rankings raise interesting issues.

One column gives up to five points for the Council's goal "to invest in downtown" - in plain language, this means helping to get certain people off the streets. Staff gave the Family Support Center and SafePlace's proposals two points in this column for "shifting a significant service center four blocks away from the commercial downtown core." This seems stretched to me. I don't think that people going to SafePlace's current community service center are among the people generating complaints on downtown streets, and I doubt that the families in the overnight shelter at First United are among them either. (In any case, moving that service center four blocks would simply be making space in the basement for a new shelter, so it wouldn't exactly be moving a shelter away.)

The Catholic Community Services proposal and the Occupy Olympia proposal also got two points for this; they each got two more points for "shifting specific street dependent population service center(s) out of downtown." It seems as if those ratings are better grounded. The Catholic Community Services proposal would move required intake services that are now being handled at Community Youth Services, at Sidewalk, and at the Family Support Center out to the

Smith Building, and the Occupy/Media Island proposal would provide a variety of direct immediate services that there's a proclaimed need for, at some distance from the downtown core. (It's the only one of the proposals that seems to approach creating a space where people who are now hanging out on the street downtown might want to spend the day drinking coffee, watching TV, playing pool or whatever instead... The "Day Resource Center" in the Catholic Community Services proposal turns out to be an area for using computers in the actual plans, and their application mentions a "family room", but it isn't shown in the drawings.)

Unfortunately, it isn't clear to me that either the Catholic Community Services proposal or the Family Support Center proposal will help move the people the City would like to get off the downtown streets. I do think they will mean some people who need services will spend some time at the Smith Building rather than downtown, but that doesn't mean the people who generate complaints about downtown won't still spend a lot of time downtown, four blocks away. Deciding that would require knowing who the people who are actually generating complaints are, and then understanding why those particular people spend time downtown. I don't think that the City's research to date has done much at all to answer either of these questions. (If it's only five percent of the people who cause the problems, nothing that doesn't move those particular people will help. If they go downtown every day to panhandle, say, because they need the money, or because they like to have company when they drink, or because they like the food at Jake's, or for a lot of other reasons you can probably imagine, then solutions that don't address their actual reasons for being there are not really going to help.)

Another column gives up to five points for "Project Financial Readiness." SafePlace gets five points here because it has 77% of the money for construction in hand; the Family Support Center gets 3 points; Catholic Community Services gets 2; and Occupy Olympia/Media Island gets 1. Staff says that none of these three have more than 2% of their proposed budget in hand, which is only true if you don't count the \$550,000 in CDBG funds that they are applying for...

Catholic Community Services' architect estimates their building conversion costs at \$506,253, so that would be covered by the CDBG money with some left over. (They're anticipating getting the roughly \$100,000 for their first year's operating expenses from a grant application to the County.) Family Support Services' construction estimate is \$1.166 million; they're creating apartments with kitchens and bathrooms, so they have a lot of additional plumbing to consider. They're planning to use \$45,000 of the CDBG money as part of their first year operating expenses, so the remainder of the grant would cover 44% of their construction costs. (Occupy Olympia/Media Island only asked for \$300,000, but they didn't include any details about costs for modifying the building so it could actually be used as a shelter for a couple of hundred people...)

SafePlace already has a \$778,000 State grant, \$180,000 from the County HOME Consortium, \$80,000 in earlier CDBG funds it has used for planning, and \$378,000 in private donations - \$1.416 million altogether. However, their budget for the conversion is also much bigger than either of the other proposals', at \$2.524 million - five times the estimate from Catholic Community Services and over twice the one from Family Support Services. This is partly because it includes \$255,000 in architects' fees and \$190,000 for a "developer fee". (In contrast, Catholic Community Services' costs for architects' and engineers' fees total \$46,000.)

It is still true that the Family Services proposal depends on getting over half of the money to remodel the building from grants they haven't yet applied for, and that the housing that Catholic Community Services says they would intend to build would also depend on their applying for and getting state and federal construction funding in the future. (I'm definitely not a fundraising professional, but I would guess getting grants for a capital project would be easier for an organization like Catholic Community Services of Western

Washington. They have 3,000 staff, 12,000 volunteers, and annual revenues of over \$10 million; their affiliate, Catholic Housing Services, has already built over 2,000 units of affordable housing. Family Support Services and SafePlace are both local and have roughly the same annual revenues, a little over \$1 million.)

There are some other policy issues too. The last big step that the City took about homelessness was creating three one-stop access points for homeless services - one for families with kids (at the Family Support Center), one for youth (at Community Youth Services), and one for single men (at Sidewalk). Catholic Community Services' proposal would combine all these in one center. I don't know how much this would or wouldn't undo all the work that's recently gone into setting up the other access systems... The Family Support Services proposal also politely suggests that they think this isn't a good idea, commenting that:

> We recognize that different homeless populations each have their own specific needs and actual entry points into the system. Centralizing services for all homeless populations in one location is not always feasible, desirable, appropriate or safe; a lesson that has been learned by the Family Support Center, the Salvation Army, and other service providers who have in the past served all homeless populations in one location.

The Smith Building is certainly an asset, but one with significant problems. The City estimates its HVAC systems will have to be replaced within two years at a cost of around \$425,000, which comes close to canceling out the \$550K CDBG grant which is the other part of the package. (None of the budgets seem to address this issue, allocating \$50K or less for dealing with the HVAC. I would think that it will be much more expensive to replace the HVAC in a newly remodeled building a couple of years from now than it would be to do it as part of the remodel...) The staff's matrix about the various proposals also includes a somewhat ominous remark about the "fiscal risks" of seismic upgrades needed to meet code in the proposals that involve using some of the building for housing; none of the budgets seem to address that.

The biggest question the packet leaves unanswered for me is "What, if anything, would this City grant add to what will happen anyway without it?" It seems very clear that SafePlace has been getting ready to build for a number of years. They've already applied for and won a \$775 K State grant for the building that needs to be spent within the next two years. It seems clear that they are in position to build without the Smith building and the CDBG money. I'd like to know what additional services those extra resources would lead to their providing, compared to what they will be able to provide if they go ahead and build a somewhat smaller new center with the \$1.4 million and the \$570K loan they already have on hand. (Similarly, I assume that Catholic Community Services would be able to apply for State and Federal grants and put up a multi-story housing complex on some other land in Olympia if it wanted to, even if it didn't have the Smith Building's parking lot. I'd like to know what the drawbacks of that alternative would be.)

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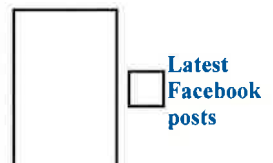
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Cc: Interfaith Works
Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] Smith Building Proposals

Dear Mayor Buxbaum and Members of the Olympia City Council,

Interfaith Works and SideWalk are excited to support the Family Support Center's proposals for the Smith Building and CDBG funding.

The Family Support Center's proposal offers a unique "two for the price of one" opportunity to the City. The Family Support Center's shelter for homeless families is currently located at the First Christian Church. The First Christian Church has offered, if the family shelter moves, to host Interfaith Works' Emergency Overflow Shelter for women on a permanent basis. As you may be aware, the Emergency Overflow Shelter operates during the wintertime months and rotates every two weeks to a new hosting faith community. The need for shelter among homeless women extends around the year, and we are eager to establish a year-round operation. A permanent, central location is the key to year-round operation of this vital resource for homeless women.

The bottom line is that if the City approves the Family Support Center's request, *Interfaith Works* will then be able to expand shelter capacity for homeless



What an amazing evening. We are so lucky to ...

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Many, many thanks in advance to Jean Ciallella, Ally ...

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women by about **3,780 bednights per year**. We urge the City Council to take advantage of this great opportunity to create two vital projects at the price of one proposal.

Interfaith Works and SideWalk wish to applaud all the 2012 CDBG applicants, Catholic Community Services, Family Support Center, SafePlace, and Media Island/Occupy Olympia for their vision and commitment to serve those with the greatest needs, as reflected in all of the thoughtful proposals before you for the Smith Building and CDBG funding. And we particularly admire and appreciate the hard work and creativity that the Council and City staff have put into the issue of homelessness. Thank you for all that you do for our community.

Phil Owen • Program Director

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From: Wallace Clift [<mailto:Wallace.Clift@du.edu>]
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Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] SafePlace CDBG proposal

We are writing to support the SafePlace proposal for block grant funds and the rehabilitation of the Smith Building. Violence in the home is a huge cause of homelessness in this and every community, and SafePlace has a proven track record of accomplishing small and big miracles, and helping women and families get into long-term, safe housing. This project deserves our support.

Wallace and Jean Clift

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From: Mary Nolan
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From: Mary Belz [<mailto:mary.belz@yahoo.com>]
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Cc: Mary Pontarolo
Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] CDBG and the Smith Building

Dear Mayor Buxbaum and Council Members Jones, Rogers, Hankins, Roe, Cooper and Langer:

Please join me in supporting SafePlace and its request to acquire the Smith Building and CDBG funding.

The dual issues of domestic violence and homelessness are closely related and the housing, legal and advocacy services provided by SafePlace have served our community with professional excellence for more than 30 years and are currently in serious need of expansion.

SafePlace has secured funding that, in addition to the CDBG, would allow development of the building and services to proceed without delay.

I urge you to support SafePlace in its vital work in our community.

Sincerely,

Mary Belz

Steve Friddle

From: Mary Nolan
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Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] Safe Place Application

Dear Mayor Buxbaum and Council Members Jones, Langer, Rogers, Hankins, Roe and Cooper:

As a SafePlace board member, I'd like to offer my support of their CDBG/Smith Building application. We appreciate the opportunity to apply for these funds.

As a survivor of domestic violence, I know first hand the critical needs of victims and their children, and am too aware that current services must be increased if we are to ensure their safety. I became a SafePlace board member because I believe in this organization and its ability to ensure that victims' needs are put first. SafePlace is focused on outcomes that make a difference. They have done the ground work to make sure that this new step to improve our services to customers will be a success.

You have a difficult decision before you as there are many individuals in need and many organizations in our city who are dedicated to serving them. We sincerely appreciate your consideration. You have an opportunity to not only ensure the safety of victims of domestic violence in our city, but to help them on a path to a new life. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Anne Goranson
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Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] Smith Building

Members of the Olympia City Council:

At Tuesday's city council meeting I urge you to vote in favor of SafePlace the awarding of the Smith building and the associated CDBG funds.

The funding would be used by SafePlace to assist homeless families who are victims of domestic violence in finding and keeping permanent housing. For 30 years SafePlace has provided, and will continue providing, ongoing advocacy so that they can retain that housing.

SafePlace provides ongoing emotional support after they find housing, and legal assistance to keep their housing. Your vote in favor of SafePlace is a vote for the survivors of domestic violence.

Thank you for your consideration - and your vote!

Dick Platner

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Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] Smith Building

Dear Mayor Buxbaum and Honorable City Council members,

I am writing in support of SafePlace's application for CDBG funding to obtain and redesign the Smith Building to support the critical services provided by SafePlace. That is a perfect location for a vital community service that has completely outgrown its current facility.

Before SafePlace, survivors had few places to turn for help. If they turned to friends, abusers could find them. Neighbors found it difficult to get involved. And society at large and the law and justice community in general found it easy to say, "It's not our business, it's a family affair." Regrettably, research shows that one in six Washington women has been a victim of one or more completed forcible rapes during her lifetime. That somewhat dated statistic suggests that a staggering number of local residents know someone who, directly or indirectly, has been a victim of sexual assault or domestic violence. Sadly, that supposition was evident at SafePlace's 7th annual Morning Ascent Breakfast that many of you attended. When executive director Mary Pontarolo asked attendees to stand if their lives had ever been affected by domestic violence or sexual assault, ultimately about 3 percent of the attendees remained seated, but appearing bewildered that their family had escaped the brutal facts of domestic violence.

SafePlace works in the community to show that domestic violence and sexual assault are not "private family affairs." These assaults are the worst kept secrets with devastating and long-lasting effects on the lives of countless individuals and families. Over its 30 plus years of service, SafePlace has helped thousands of people from all walks of life find refuge, support and renewed dignity through the advocacy of caring staff and volunteers. It continues to be the only 24-hour emergency response and advocacy agency serving victims of sexual and domestic violence in Thurston County.

SafePlace is a highly effective nonprofit agency that has profound impact on our community. Sexual and domestic violence knows no boundaries: Survivors are of all ages, ethnicities, genders, national origins, religions, sexual

orientations, abilities and income levels. Through compassionate, professional SafePlace support, survivors regain their sense of dignity, their sense of purpose, and their hope for the future. This surely is a service that sustains our community

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Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] Safeplace CDBG Funding Proposal

Dear Steve:

My email seems to be leaving my computer before I hit send. I apologize for that. I am writing to lend my support for the application submitted by Safeplace for the CDBG funding. I know that you have heard from others so I won't reiterate the same arguments. I see that the main weakness of Safeplace's proposal is that it does not move the street dependent population out of the down town area. However, I do believe that the strength of the proposal is not only that the organization has secured significant funding for the project but also that it will create a dynamic center to involve the community in the struggle to end domestic violence in our community. This effort - to work toward prevention - is a direction we must move toward or we will always be plugging the hole by sheltering women and children in crisis.

I encourage you and the Council to support this application. Thank you.

Leslie Owen
Chair, Safeplace Capital Campaign

Steve Friddle

From: Mary Nolan
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 2:45 PM
To: Steve Friddle; Anna Schlecht; Connie Cobb
Subject: FW: Support for SafePlace Application

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From: Katie Vandenberg [<mailto:kjvande@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2012 3:41 PM
To: Stephen Buxbaum; Nathaniel Jones; Stephen Langer; Karen Rogers; Julie Hankins; Jeannine Roe; Jim Cooper
Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] Support for SafePlace Application

Thank you for taking your time to consider the SafePlace application for CDBG funds and for rehabilitation of the Smith Building.

I am a current SafePlace Board member, community member, and domestic violence survivor. I am writing to support the application from SafePlace for the new Community Service Center.

SafePlace currently serves survivors of domestic and sexual violence on many levels - and 24 hours per day. Advocates meet with victims at our current business office location in downtown Olympia. They use creativity and resourcefulness to meet the demands of this population. I say creatively and resourcefully because due to space constraints, it is not uncommon for all offices to be in use as well as Advocates meeting with victims in the restroom on too frequent of occasions. Many of the victims met with are also homeless - forced to flee homes in order to seek safety.

SafePlace has already raised substantial funds for a new community center to house both counseling and educational outreach services. With the city's support, we can revitalize the Smith Building - making resources available to survivors, providing education and outreach, and addressing the city's goal of reducing homelessness.

I urge you to support this project and the SafePlace application for CDBG funds and rehabilitation of the Smith Building.

Again, thank you for your time and service to our community and for your consideration of the SafePlace application.

Katie Vandenberg

SafePlace board member

Steve Friddle

From: Mary Nolan
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 2:47 PM
To: Steve Friddle; Anna Schlecht; Connie Cobb
Subject: FW: SafePlace CDBG application

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From: Terry Wright [<mailto:darby.grey@comcast.net>]
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2012 9:37 PM
To: Stephen Buxbaum
Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] SafePlace CDBG application

Mr. Buxbaum,

I'm asking for your support for SafePlace's application for CDBG funding and the use of the Smith Building. The consolidation of city services in the new city hall and resulting vacation of the Smith Building has given you a unique opportunity to enhance the efforts of a strong community organization that strives to restore victims of domestic violence to a healthy life.

The significance of your support is compounded when you consider that a national survey found that domestic violence is the second leading cause of homelessness. SafePlace offers those domestic violence victims support services to meet a wide range of immediate needs while helping them avoid joining the chronically homeless.

Finally, SafePlace is "shovel ready" and can rapidly proceed to take advantage of this opportunity to enhance services to its clients if CDBG projects are intended to show significant progress during the Program Year, 9/1/12-8/31/13.

Thanks for your consideration,

Terry Wright
360-456-8211

Steve Friddle

From: Mary Nolan
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 2:47 PM
To: Steve Friddle; Anna Schlecht; Connie Cobb
Subject: FW: Please support the SafePlace application for CDBG funds and rehabilitation of the Smith Building

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From: NANCY KOPTUR [<mailto:nkoptur@msn.com>]
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2012 9:57 PM
To: Stephen Buxbaum; Nathaniel Jones; Stephen Langer; Karen Rogers; Julie Hankins; Jeannine Roe; Jim Cooper
Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] Please support the SafePlace application for CDBG funds and rehabilitation of the Smith Building

Dear Mayor Buxbaum and Council Members Jones, Langer, Rogers, Hankins, Roe and Cooper:

As a member of the community, and as a member of the SafePlace Board of Directors, I am writing to support the application from SafePlace for CDBG funds and the Smith Building. As a state employee and as an attorney who is involved with Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services, I cannot think of a better use for the CDBG funds, because SafePlace is ready to move ahead with rehabilitating the Smith Building to support our efforts to put an end to sexual and domestic violence in our community.

SafePlace has been engaged in a long-term capital campaign to raise money to create a new Community Service Center; we have been hoping to open the new center within the next few years. We have already made significant progress in securing funding from private individuals, foundations and banks, and have also obtained some public funds. The CDBG funds (and the building) from the City of Olympia would allow us to open our Community Service Center *within the next few months*.

I understand that one of the main goals for the award of these CDBG funds is to use the Smith Building to support efforts to deal with homelessness in our city, especially in the downtown core. I realize that most people do not automatically think of SafePlace when they think about homelessness in Olympia, but unfortunately many survivors of domestic violence or sexual violence are homeless as a result of that violence. When someone is fleeing an abusive situation, they must often leave their home. The majority of the women, children and families who stay in the SafePlace shelter have no income and nowhere to go.

SafePlace's plans for the Smith Building are to create a Community Service Center that will provide housing advocacy and related support for low-or no-income homeless survivors of domestic violence who have been either sleeping in their cars with their children, moving from shelter to shelter, staying on the couches of family or friends or worse. We not only shelter victims, we also provide support to survivors in finding housing, and ongoing emotional and legal support to keep that housing.

The current SafePlace Business Office on Legion Way is in a charming old house which is way too small to provide room for all of the services that SafePlace provides. As a regular volunteer at the twice-monthly free legal clinic, I have seen attorneys using the tiny little kitchen (which is the size of a closet) to interview clients. I have also heard that SafePlace advocates have often had to meet with clients in one of the Business Office restrooms. Our vision for the Community Services Center is a building with enough room for client intake, interviews, counseling, legal clinic and educational outreach services without regular use of the restroom or kitchen. With the city's support, SafePlace can revitalize the Smith Building and make the new Community Center a reality in the near future, while meeting the city's goal of reducing homelessness in the city's downtown core.

I urge you to support this project and the SafePlace application for CDBG funds and rehabilitation of the Smith Building.

Thank you.

Nancy Koptur
SafePlace Board Member



2300 East End Street NW, Olympia, WA 98502
 (360)-491-6354 <http://outofthewoods.org/>

To: City of Olympia
 City Council Members
 PO Box 1967
 Olympia, WA 98507-1967

May 21, 2012

From: Out of the Woods Family Shelter

Re: More About Out of the Woods in the Context of Family Support Center's 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application

As you may know, Out of the Woods Family Shelter (OTW) operates a three-unit, ninety day homeless shelter for Thurston County families in West Olympia. Our goal is to get homeless families into permanent housing in 90 days, and generally we succeed. Our success stems from our operating approach, which has been in place for over 6 years and includes:

- ✓ Resident Shelter Coordinator who works with each client family, using a tailored action plan unique to their needs
- ✓ Daily collaboration with Family Support Center of South Sound, which screens our clients and whose Case Managers work with our Shelter Coordinator on each family's plan
- ✓ A safe, secluded homelike facility where clients cook their own meals and care for their children
- ✓ Rental Assistance, where needed, to ensure that families leaving our Shelter are able to sustain arrangements in their new homes when they leave us.

OTW strongly supports the request from Family Support Center for funding from the City of Olympia's 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program to create new family emergency shelter and permanent housing units at the City of Olympia-owned Smith Building. Given the volume of need, more units are a great use for this facility.

As an agency whose mission is to provide emergency food and shelter for homeless families in Thurston County and guide them toward self-sufficiency with dignity, our operation is intrinsically connected to FSCSS's. They screen our clients and their Case Managers work with our Shelter Coordinator to ensure that our clients get back on their feet and into mainstream housing within 90 days.

Collaboration is intrinsic to our operations – not only with Family Support Center, but with our building owner. The Shelter could not have functioned without the extensive practical and financial support of the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation (OUUC), our "landlord". OUUC, in addition to providing the Annex building and grounds to OTW at no rent, OUUC also provides:

- Building and grounds maintenance
- Half of the OTW utilities

- Major repairs and remodels, through work teams for special projects, youth teams from other churches (a new roof last year; major bathroom remodeling this year, for example)
- All the proceeds from OUUC's annual Books, Brownies and Beans used book fairs; this year the BBB event yielded almost \$9,000
- Use of OUUC meeting space for OTW Board and committee business meetings
- Use of OUUC event space and promotion channels for OTW fundraising events such as concerts.

For those new to the scene, it should be noted that OUUC was the congregation that first accommodated Camp Quixote when it was about to be closed a few years ago, and continues to house Camp Quixote quarterly as it rotates around churches in the region. OUUC also accommodates the Women's Overflow Shelter for several weeks in the winter. Congregation members are active in both organizations as well as OTW.

So, the unique partnerships with OUUC and FSCSS make OTW possible.

Nevertheless, OTW is challenged by an aging building infrastructure. As soon as the OUUC Building and Grounds crew get one problem fixed, another seems to pop up. The building has virtually reached the end of its useful life, and while it meets code, it costs a great deal more to run than a newer building would. At some point in the next few years our Shelter program will need to move to a better building, and we believe that our current Shelter Coordinator could, if we had room, supervise at least 6 families instead of the current three.

We would like to send you periodic information about OTW and our progress in meeting our challenges. We would be delighted to offer brief tours to the Mayor, Council and staff, to be arranged at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Julie F. Rodwell, President, OTW Board

Steve Friddle

From: Mary Nolan
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 2:49 PM
To: Steve Friddle; Anna Schlecht; Connie Cobb
Subject: FW: Support Family Support Center for CDBG grant

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-----Original Message-----

From: Michelle Harvey [<mailto:mgharvey@comcast.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 2:32 PM
To: Stephen Buxbaum; Julie Hankins; Nathaniel Jones; Stephen Langer; Jeannine Roe; Karen Rogers; Jim Cooper
Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] Support Family Support Center for CDBG grant

During the past three years I've volunteered for the Family Support Center. Their dedication to helping homeless families transforms lives. Watching children live in a shelter is hard. Yet FSC does everything possible to make the transition easier for families. They work closely with their volunteers to constantly upgrade the shelter and meet guests' needs. They combine compassion with organization and purpose.

The shelter beds are so critical to our homeless community. The families depend on this service and it would make an even bigger impact if the center could extend this service to single women. They have a reliable infrastructure already in place.

I watch the shelter children get ready for various school and city buses in the morning. If the shelter was close to Madison, it would be a vastly different experience for the families.

I work for the Association of Washington Cities and realize that CDBG funding must be spent for the best possible good of the community. Family Support Center has the vision, the track record and the dedication to make spend wisely and reinvest in our community.

When I leave the shelter after volunteering for a night shift, I'm so grateful for my home and family. When the Family Support Center guests leave the shelter every morning, they too are grateful for their safe shelter.

I urge you to look at the even bigger impact the center could make with the CDBG funds.

Michelle Harvey
 2724 83rd CRT NE
 Olympia

Steve Friddle

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From: truly nusbaum [<mailto:trulynusbaum@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 4:50 PM
To: Stephen Buxbaum
Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] Smith Building

Dear City Council Member,

My name is Truly Nusbaum, I am writing to greatly encourage you, and your fellow members of the Olympia City Council to strongly consider the Family Support Center for acquisition of the Smith building, as well as the CDBG funding.

I have been a volunteer with the Family Support Center for over a year, and throughout my time there I have gained a tremendous amount of respect for the professional level of hard work, care and true human compassion that has gone into helping families stay off the streets. The Family Support Center is a sincerely honorable organization, that strives to help families within our community to not be sleeping on the streets with their children, and to assist these families to find resources to aid them with food, clothing and medical needs. They help the parents look for jobs, and ultimately find permanent housing where they may begin to successfully rebuild their lives.

With the economic hardships that has contributed to more and more families being put on the streets, the importance for the expansion, and sustainability of the Family Support Center is incredibly essential for this, and the next generation of children in Olympia. The tremendous positive change that granting the Family Support Center with the Smith building, and the CDBG funding would have on local, unfortunate citizens of Olympia is unmeasurable.

Again, I earnestly besiege you and the council members of Olympia to strongly consider the Family Support Center, help them in making an even greater difference for the success of our beautiful, and caring community.

Sincerely,

Truly Nusbaum

Anna Schlecht

From: Marissa Luck [marissaluck7@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 8:51 PM
To: Anna Schlecht
Subject: Re: Urgent: Clarification on Smith Building

Thank you!
Marissa

On Thu, May 24, 2012 at 3:55 PM, Anna Schlecht <aschlech@ci.olympia.wa.us> wrote:

Hi Marissa

Please contact Mayor Buxbaum directly with some of your questions regarding the intent of the Council

At this point, the Council has directed us to develop our CDBG Action Plan based upon the Family Support Center proposal to convert the 12,000 square foot Smith Building to the following accommodations for homeless families with children:

32 beds of emergency shelter configured as 7 family suites (allows up to 7 families to reside together rather than being place in a large dormitory with other families)

28 beds of transitional housing (temporary housing for up to 2 years) configured as 6 family suites (again allowing families to reside together)

The Annual Action Plan will be published on June 1st, public comment will run from June 1st to July 2nd with a Public Hearing on June 12th. The topic of the public hearing will be the Annual Action Plan which will be focused on the Family Support Center proposal. However it is likely that the supporters of the other proposals will offer testimony.

I'm extremely busy so that's all I have for you right now, good luck!

M. Anna Schlecht | Housing Program Manager

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From: Marissa Luck [mailto:marissaluck7@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 8:39 AM

To: Anna Schlecht

Subject: Urgent: Clarification on Smith Building

Hi Anna Schlecht,

I'm including a short blurb on the Smith Building in an article for *Olympia Power and Light*. I know that the Olympia City Council voted in favor of giving the grant to Family Support Network but I'm unclear on what the next steps are for the grant. I know that there will be time for public comment and a public hearing but is the public going to be commenting on the Family Support Network proposal or all of the competing proposals? Does the City Council vote mean the Family Support Network will for sure win the grant or does it just mean it's highly likely?

I'm turning in my article on deadline today so if you could get back to me today or as soon as possible that would be great.

Thank you for your help earlier in my process. The article was delayed because I had to travel unexpectedly and was fairly sick for a few weeks. I ended up dividing the article into two parts, and the first part is slated for the next issue of OP&L.

Marissa

[425-503-9702](tel:425-503-9702)

Steve Friddle

From: Mary Nolan
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 2:51 PM
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Subject: FW: Housing and the Smith Building

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From: revartvaeni@mac.com [<mailto:revartvaeni@mac.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 8:46 PM
To: Stephen Buxbaum
Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] Housing and the Smith Building

Dear Mayor Buxbaum,

I am writing in support of the City Council's plan to impart CDBG funds and the Smith Building to the Family Support Center in support of their efforts to provide families with shelter and transitional housing.

Adequate housing is one of the fundamental rights of every human being as recognized in Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), adopted by the United Nations in 1948: Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care...

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I applaud the City Council's commitment to upholding one of the fundamental rights of its citizens as recognized by international law—the right to housing, and I encourage you to follow through with your plan to award the Smith Building as well as the CDBG funds to the Family Support Center.

Sincerely,

Arthur Vaeni
1702 9th Ave. SE
Olympia

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From: Mary Nolan
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 2:52 PM
To: Steve Friddle; Anna Schlecht; Connie Cobb
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From: Stephen Buxbaum [<mailto:sbuxbaum@ci.olympia.wa.us>]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 10:56 PM
To: 'revartvaeni@'
Cc: Cathie Butler
Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] RE: Housing and the Smith Building

Dear Reverend Vaeni:

Thank you for your comments. Since they reference activities that are proposed in the city's draft CDBG Action Plan I am forwarding them to staff with a request that they be included as a formal comment that pertains to the Annual CDBG Action Plan which is available for public comment from June 1 through July 2, 2012. If this was not your intent please let me know.

A Public Hearing is scheduled for the Council's June 12 business meeting, at which people may provide testimony about the plan in person. Council will consider public comments and testimony and make a final decision regarding the proposed Action Plan on July 10, 2012. We plan to submit the final DRAFT CDBG Annual Action Plan to HUD by July 15, 2012. All comments will be included as part of the final plan.

Thank you once again for your interest.

Sincerely,

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From: Mary Nolan
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 2:50 PM
To: Steve Friddle; Anna Schlecht; Connie Cobb
Subject: FW: URGENT REQUEST FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER'S FAMILY SHELTER AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT!
Attachments: URGENT REQUEST FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER.pdf
Importance: High

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Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 7:36 PM
To: Arthur Vaeni; Barbara Lantz; Barnett Kalikow; Bree Lafreniere; Brian Wiele/ River Ridge Covenant; Cheri Beavers/Calvary Chapel; Christie Kruger; Christine Long; Chuck Harris; Cindy Meyer; Dae Shogren; Dan Ryan; David Gerardot; Don Maddux; Doug Knutson-Keller, Gloria Dei Lutheran; Elizabeth O'Day; Emily Lardner; Golden Neal; Howard Ullery, Lacey Community Church; JoAnn Young; Joanne Coleman Campbell, FUMCO; John Allen; John Rosenberg, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd; Jonnel Anderson; Julie Baker; June Johnson; Karmel Shields; Leland Johnson; Mark Rambo/First Baptist of Olympia; Mary Wharton; Matt Hornyak; Mikey Ring; Mindy Chambers; Pastor Amy Walters; Paul Jones/Reality Church; Paul Larsen; Phil Prietto; Robin Miller; Selena Kilmoyer; Stephen Buxbaum; Stuart Dugan, Lacey Presbyterian Church; Tammy Stampfli, Interim Pastor; Ven. Gen Grewell
Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] URGENT REQUEST FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER'S FAMILY SHELTER AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT!
Importance: High

Hello, SSRCAH members/colleagues.

As appropriate, please consider the below request to take action in support of the Olympia City Council's May 22 decision to approve the Family Support Center's Community Development Block Grant Proposal, including the unused city-owned Smith Building.

I'm happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

Matt Hornyak
 Development Director; Family Support Center of South Sound
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URGENT REQUEST FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT! IMMEDIATE RESPONSE NEEDED!



**PLEASE SEND STRONG MESSAGES TO THE
OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL...**

DON'T REGRESS...ADDRESS OLYMPIA HOMELESSNESS!

**STICK TO THE PLAN—THANKS FOR AWARDING FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER THE SMITH
BUILDING AND CDBG FUNDS**

INVEST IN OLYMPIA--INVEST IN FAMILIES--INVEST IN KIDS!

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER'S "SMITH BUILDING FAMILY SHELTER
AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT"**

WHAT: 30 –day Public Comment Period for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Plan

WHEN: Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 12th at 7pm

WHERE: Olympia City Hall Council Chambers, 601 4TH Avenue E.

HOW: E-mail, phone, write, or speak to all Olympia City Council Members

Phone: 360.753.8447 (City Council office)

Email: sbuxbaum@ci.olympia.wa.us

Email: slanger@ci.olympia.wa.us

Email: njones@ci.olympia.wa.us

Email: krogers@ci.olympia.wa.us

Email: jhankins@ci.olympia.wa.us

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WHY: Cost of homelessness is higher than value of Smith Building—Giving building to nonprofit will save taxpayers money long term and improve lives of families and kids: The cost of homelessness to our community is much higher than the estimated market or appraised value of the Smith Building. Family homelessness and poverty takes a big toll on kids, families, businesses, schools, and tax payers. It overburdens law enforcement, health care, and education systems. It affects local tourism and economic development of downtown. Research shows investing in kids early reduces crime, incarceration, unemployment, and school drop-out rates. **Prioritizing services and support for at risk low income kids is a smart social and economic investment for the City of Olympia that both saves money and builds human capital.** Building new affordable housing downtown will help to revitalize the neighborhood, create new jobs, and attract and leverage more state, federal, and private dollars to our community. The effective use of vacant buildings for community benefit has positive environmental, social, and economic benefits. Research indicates that it costs \$40,000/year for a community to support one homeless person including shelter, health care visits, law enforcement responses, and other public services. **With six new affordable family housing units that will provide permanent housing for 28 parents and kids, the community will have a return on investment of \$1.12 million!**

WHAT'S THE ISSUE? Four months ago, the Olympia City Council voted *unanimously* to use the vacant Smith Building as a tool to reduce homelessness and increase affordable housing in downtown Olympia. Community non-profits were invited to propose uses that met the City's goals in its Consolidated Plan (preserving affordable housing and developing new housing, plus decreasing homelessness). On May 22, the City voted to accept the proposal offered by the Family Support Center to remodel the Smith Building into a 32 bed Family Shelter with 6 units of permanent affordable housing with onsite supportive services for homeless and low income families with children. The current Family Shelter would move to the Smith Building from its current location in a local church basement, which would become available to shelter other homeless populations, moving even more homeless individuals off the streets of downtown Olympia.

Some have questioned the wisdom of giving the Smith Building away when the City is facing a budget deficit, proposing its sale for one time revenue. But a real estate market analysis indicates the building is worth far less than its tax appraised value and would require significant repairs to make it attractive for private investors and may continue to sit empty for a long period of time, incurring further costs to the City. The building can become a public benefit quickly if the City Council sticks with their plan to give the Smith Building and CDBG funding to the Family Support Center, a well-respected Olympia nonprofit who has served our community and been a good downtown neighbor for more than 20 years. The estimated sales price of the Smith Building is eclipsed by the long term benefits of moving families with children into stable and secure housing.

IS FAMILY HOMELESSNESS A PROBLEM IN OUR COMMUNITY? There is a common misconception that homelessness is an issue that only pertains to single men and women, but in our community 25% of the homeless population are children, with many attending school just down the road from the Smith Building. According to the National Coalition for the Homeless, families with children may be the least visible, but are the fastest growing population of homeless nationwide. Poverty and the lack of affordable housing are the principal causes of family homelessness. The City of Olympia is taking an important step to combat this issue by choosing to support homeless families with children with shelter, services, and affordable housing. And as we know, housing shapes lives and elevates communities.

The City Council needs to hear that you support its decision to fund the Family Support Center's Family Shelter and Affordable Housing Project with CDBG funds and the Smith Building because it:

- Serves homeless and low income families with children with shelter and housing, utilizing best practice approaches that move families quickly out of homelessness.
- Increases shelter capacity for other homeless populations at former family shelter site

- Creates six new, permanent and affordable housing units with onsite social services for local families with kids and promotes urban living near jobs, social services, parks, schools, downtown shopping, churches, and public transit
- Moves homeless families from shelter to permanent housing quickly
- Leverages new funding and creates jobs in our community
- Inspires strong relationships with local nonprofit, faith, and business leaders
- Invests in children, the future leaders of our community, saving taxpayer dollars!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

For questions or more information, contact: Schelli Slaughter, Executive Director
At (360) 754-8279, ext. 211 or e-mail schellis@fscss.org

Analysis of City of Olympia's Smith Building Options

TRANSFER SMITH BUILDING OWNERSHIP TO FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER OF SOUTH SOUND	SELL SMITH BUILDING— CITY RETAINS SALE PROCEEDS
Supports Olympia's CDBG Consolidated Plan Priority Homeless Needs & Proposed Strategic Plan (expand housing stock...for affordable housing development)	No impact on City's Plan
Supports Thurston County's 10-year Plan to Reduce Homelessness (expand supply of homeless housing units & enhance supportive housing services and prevention)	No impact on County's Plan
Creates up to 30 additional shelter beds (existing Family Support Shelter space at First Christian Church will become a new year-round shelter, likely for adult homeless women, replacing winder months rotating Women's Overflow Shelter)	No additional community shelter space created
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Result: 6 new permanent housing units “pay back” Smith Building anticipated sales proceeds within 12 months (depending on building sales price)	(not including building prep, marketing and sales expenses) = \$600,000 to \$1,000,000
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Leverages new local housing investments with local, state, federal & private funding sources	Unknown

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Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 2:54 PM
To: Steve Friddle; Anna Schlecht; Connie Cobb
Subject: FW: Urgent request for public support for Family Support Center's Affordable Housing Project with City of Olympia Family Shelter and

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Sent: Friday, June 08, 2012 8:22 PM
To: Steven Byers
Cc: Stephen Buxbaum; Stephen Langer; Nathaniel Jones; Karen Rogers; Julie Hankins; Jeannine Roe; Jim Cooper
Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] Fwd: Urgent request for public support for Family Support Center's Family Shelter and Affordable Housing Project with City of Olympia

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Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 2:52 PM
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Subject: FW: Smith Building

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Sent: Friday, June 08, 2012 1:00 PM
To: Stephen Buxbaum; Stephen Langer; Nathaniel Jones; Karen Rogers; Julie Hankins; Jeannine Roe; Jim Cooper
Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] Smith Building

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Trudy S. Lautz

7148 Cedar Flats Road SW

Olympia, WA 98512

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Hi Karen and Stephen,

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Steve Byers
 Olympia

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Please read the message below and feel free to pass it on! Thanks so much!

Schelli

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Steve Friddle

From: Claudia McDermott [cfj150@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 10, 2012 8:10 PM
To: Stephen Buxbaum
Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] Public Comment Period for Community Development Block Grant CDBG Consolidated Plan

I want to say Thank you for awarding the Family Support Center the Smith Building and the CDBG Funds. I support your decision to fund the Family Support Center's Family Shelter and affordable Housing Project. Don't regress.....Stick to the plan please.....Address Olympia Homelessness! It serves the homeless and low income families with children, with shelter and housing, utilizing best practice approaches that move families quickly out of homelessness. It increases shelter capacity for other homeless population at former family shelter site. It creates new permanent affordable housing units with on site social services for local families with kids and promotes urban living near jobs, social services parks, schools, downtown shopping, churches and public transit. Moves homeless families from shelter to permanent housing quickly. It leverages strong relationships with local nonprofit, faith and business leaders. Invests in children, the future leaders of our community, saving taxpayers dollars. Thank you again for your support. Please don't let this go by the way side.Sincerely' Mrs. Claudia McDermott, Greeter at the 1st Christian Church in Olympia for the Family Home Shelter. <cfj150@yahoo.com>



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June 11, 2012

Mayor. Steven Buxbaum
City of Olympia
604 – 4th Avenue East
Olympia, WA 98501

Re: Support for Family Support Center's Smith Building Family Shelter and Affordable Housing Project

Dear Mayor Buxbaum:

I am expressing my support for the Family Support Center's application for CDBG funds and the Smith Building to provide additional family shelter and affordable housing for homeless women and families in Thurston County.

As Prosecuting Attorney, I have seen an increase in the number of women and families who are now homeless in Thurston County due to domestic violence, the recession and an increasing number of families dependent on one income. I am continually asked by members of the Olympia Downtown Association, the West Olympia Business Association and concerned citizens what the community can do to reduce poverty and homelessness among families, especially families with young children. While we have some shelter options for women and families through SafePlace, the Family Support Center and churches, the current supply of shelter beds is woefully inadequate and only provides a stop gap of housing for brief periods.

I believe we need a long-term solution to both ending domestic violence and providing support for homeless women and their families in Thurston County. While the proposal presented by the Family Support Center will not be the complete answer, it will give our communities expanded capacity to help homeless women and families find a way out of helplessness and give our City another strategy to help people leave the streets.

I strongly support the application of the Family Support Center.

Very truly yours,


Jon Tunheim
Prosecuting Attorney

Steve Friddle

From: Hanson, Pati A [pati.a.hanson@intel.com]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 1:06 PM
To: Stephen Buxbaum; Stephen Langer; Nathaniel Jones; Karen Rogers; Julie Hankins; Jeannine Roe; Jim Cooper
Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] Thank you for awarding Family Support Center the Smith Building and CDBG Funds

Dear council members

I want to applaud you for this decision and I hope you move forward with this for many reasons!!

Mostly because...

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Anna Schlecht

From: Mary Nolan
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2012 12:00 PM
To: Keith Stahley; Steve Friddle; Anna Schlecht
Cc: Steve Hall
Subject: FW: Correction to your Statement at Hearing

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From: Rachael Lundmark [mailto:Rachael_Lundmark@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 11:09 PM
To: Karen Rogers
Cc: Schelli Slaughter
Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] Re: Correction to your Statement at Hearing

Schelli Slaughter (Executive Director of the Family Support Center) and I would love to come for a visit and discuss the Smith Building. We'll call and make an appointment. Thanks for the opportunity to talk about what you are hearing.

Rachael

----- Original Message -----

From: [Karen Rogers](#)
To: 'rachael_lundmark@comcast.net'
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 10:32 PM
Subject: FW: Correction to your Statement at Hearing

Rachael, I appreciate you contacting me to correct misunderstandings.

Unfortunately, there's been a lot of miscommunication and misunderstanding surrounding the Smith Building – more than you're probably aware of, and undoubtedly more than I'm aware of – and it just seems to grow. When you have the time, please call me at 628-7052 so we can figure this out.

Thanks!

Karen Rogers
Olympia City Council

From: rachael_lundmark@comcast.net [mailto:rachael_lundmark@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 4:36 PM
To: Karen Rogers

Cc: Stephen Buxbaum; Stephen Langer; Nathaniel Jones; Julie Hankins; Jeannine Roe

Subject: Correction to your Statement at Hearing

Dear Councilwoman Rogers:

Last night after the public hearing regarding the City of Olympia's proposed use of the CDBG dollars (including sale of the Smith Building), you publicly questioned my testimony to the Council. You stated that I said that the vote by the Council in March was to issue an RFP for a homeless *shelter*. Your concern was that people might have a misconception that there was a pre-determined result when the City Council made its decision to fund the Family Support Center's proposal. While I completely understand your concern, I want to assure you that I did not say what you think I said. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the statement that I actually made:

"Back in March, the council voted unanimously to sell the Smith Building to a non-profit as a strategy to meet the City's goals to reduce homelessness and increase affordable housing units." I went on to state that this decision "is now being re-visited with some wondering whether the asset should be used to pay the bills". Further, I encouraged the Council to stay the course and maintain the decision to sell the Smith Building as a tool for a public benefit.

I am attaching my entire testimony which I pretty much read verbatim. I also encourage you to watch the video on the City's website to verify my statement. I do believe my statement is accurate --- although I could see where someone could argue that I focused on just two of a broader set of objectives for the RFP.

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With all respect,

Rachael

Rachael Langen Lundmark
Chair, Board of Directors
Family Support Center

Anna Schlecht

From: Mary Nolan
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2012 12:00 PM
To: Keith Stahley; Steve Friddle; Anna Schlecht
Cc: Steve Hall
Subject: FW: Urgent request for public support for Family Support Center's Affordable Housing Project with City of Olympia Family Shelter and

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From: Robin Higa [<mailto:robin@traverge.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 6:05 PM
To: 'Steven Byers'; Stephen Buxbaum; Stephen Langer; Nathaniel Jones; Karen Rogers; Julie Hankins; Jeannine Roe; Jim Cooper
Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] RE: Urgent request for public support for Family Support Center's Family Shelter and Affordable Housing Project with City of Olympia

Greetings All,

I would not have been able to state the case more eloquently than our friend Steve so please consider this a full endorsement of his comments. This is such an important issue.

Sincerely,

Robin Higa
3017 French Road NW
Olympia, WA 98502
(360) 870-7106

From: Steven Byers [<mailto:smbyers7@comcast.net>]
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2012 8:22 PM
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Schelli Slaughter" <ExecutiveDirector@fscss.org>

Subject: Urgent request for public support for Family Support Center's Family Shelter and Affordable Housing Project with City of Olympia

Date: June 8, 2012 11:22:19 AM PDT

URGENT REQUEST FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT! IMMEDIATE RESPONSE NEEDED!



**PLEASE SEND STRONG MESSAGES TO THE
OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL...**

DON'T REGRESS...ADDRESS OLYMPIA HOMELESSNESS!

**STICK TO THE PLAN—THANKS FOR AWARDING FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER THE SMITH
BUILDING AND CDBG FUNDS**

INVEST IN OLYMPIA--INVEST IN FAMILIES--INVEST IN KIDS!

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER'S "SMITH BUILDING FAMILY SHELTER
AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT"**

WHAT: 30 –day Public Comment Period for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Plan

WHEN: Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 12th at 7pm

WHERE: Olympia City Hall Council Chambers, 601 4TH Avenue E.

HOW: E-mail, phone, write, or speak to all Olympia City Council Members

Phone: 360.753.8447 (*City Council office*)

Email: sbuxbaum@ci.olympia.wa.us

Email: slanger@ci.olympia.wa.us

Email: njones@ci.olympia.wa.us

Email: krogers@ci.olympia.wa.us

Email: jhankins@ci.olympia.wa.us

Email: jroe@ci.olympia.wa.us

Email: jcooper@ci.olympia.wa.us

WHY: Cost of homelessness is higher than value of Smith Building—Giving building to nonprofit will save taxpayers money long term and improve lives of families and kids: The cost of homelessness to our community is much higher than the estimated market or appraised value of the Smith Building. Family homelessness and poverty takes a big toll on kids, families, businesses, schools, and tax payers. It overburdens law enforcement, health care, and education systems. It affects local tourism and economic development of downtown. Research shows investing in kids early reduces crime, incarceration, unemployment, and school drop-out rates. **Prioritizing services and support for at risk low income kids is a smart social and economic investment for the City of Olympia that both saves money and builds human capital.** Building new affordable housing downtown will help to revitalize the neighborhood, create new jobs, and attract and leverage more state, federal, and private dollars to our community. The effective use of vacant buildings for community benefit has positive environmental, social, and economic benefits. Research indicates that it costs \$40,000/year for a community to support one homeless person including shelter, health care visits, law enforcement responses, and other public services. **With six new affordable family housing units that will provide permanent housing for 28 parents and kids, the community will have a return on investment of \$1.12 million!**

WHAT'S THE ISSUE? Four months ago, the Olympia City Council voted *unanimously* to use the vacant Smith Building as a tool to reduce homelessness and increase affordable housing in downtown Olympia. Community non-profits were invited to propose uses that met the City's goals in its Consolidated Plan (preserving affordable housing and developing new housing, plus decreasing homelessness). On May 22, the City voted to accept the proposal offered by the Family Support Center to remodel the Smith Building into a 32 bed Family Shelter with 6 units of permanent affordable housing with onsite supportive services for homeless and low income families with children. The current Family Shelter would move to the Smith Building from its current location in a local church basement, which would become available to shelter other homeless populations, moving even more homeless individuals off the streets of downtown Olympia.

Some have questioned the wisdom of giving the Smith Building away when the City is facing a budget deficit, proposing its sale for one time revenue. But a real estate market analysis indicates the building is worth far less than its tax appraised value and would require significant repairs to make it attractive for private investors and may continue to sit empty for a long period of time, incurring further costs to the City. The building can become a public benefit quickly if the City Council sticks with their plan to give the Smith Building and CBDG funding to the Family Support Center, a well-respected Olympia nonprofit who has served our community and been a good downtown neighbor for more than 20 years. The estimated sales price of the Smith Building is eclipsed by the long term benefits of moving families with children into stable and secure housing.

IS FAMILY HOMELESSNESS A PROBLEM IN OUR COMMUNITY? There is a common misconception that homelessness is an issue that only pertains to single men and women, but in our community 25% of the homeless population are children, with many attending school just down the road from the Smith Building. According to the National Coalition for the Homeless, families with children may be the least visible, but are the fastest growing population of homeless nationwide. Poverty and the lack of affordable housing are the principal causes of family homelessness. The City of Olympia is taking an important step to combat this issue by choosing to support homeless families with children with shelter, services, and affordable housing. And as we know, housing shapes lives and elevates communities.

The City Council needs to hear that you support its decision to fund the Family Support Center's Family Shelter and Affordable Housing Project with CBDG funds and the Smith Building because it:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

*For questions or more information, contact: Schelli Slaughter, Executive Director
At (360) 754-8279, ext. 211 or e-mail schellis@fscss.org*

Steve Friddle

From: CityCouncil
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 11:23 AM
To: 'Scott Barricklow'
Cc: Councilmembers; Steve Hall; Steve Friddle; Keith Stahley
Subject: RE: Giving away the Smith Building.....to all council members!

Thank you for your comments. I will forward them on to all Councilmembers and appropriate staff.

Mary Nolan

Executive Secretary
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From: Scott Barricklow [<mailto:scott@celltell.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 4:42 PM
To: CityCouncil
Cc: olympian news
Subject: Giving away the Smith Building.....to all council members!

I would like to be at the council meeting tonight, but I would assume it will be difficult to get a word in. Furthermore I am so frustrated by this issue and the responses that I have been given that my comments in an open forum may be a little heated. It seems many of those involved with the council have a background working with homeless groups and seem to have a skewed interest in supporting these "non-profits". Many of the people who work for the organizations make a handsome salary. With budgets as tight as they are currently I feel this is a slap in the face to us taxpayers to give away this property. (and that is what you are proposing!) This should be sold at auction to the highest bidder, the monies returned to the general fund to help offset any budget shortfalls or applied to the balance due on the new city hall. This will also allow the property to generate tax revenue back to the city and county. I find it interesting that you don't see the issues with bums in Lacey or Tumwater like you do in downtown Olympia. They discourage this behavior in the retail areas while Olympia seems to welcome all these folks with open arms. I also don't like being forced to donate to these charities. I donate over \$2000 a year to charities/non-profits. Primarily the downtown Olympia Senior Center. This is my choice, I do not have a choice about paying my taxes. Please be good stewards of the taxpaying citizens and do the right thing on this issue. Do not give away this valuable piece of real estate.

Thanks,
 Scott Barricklow
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OR # 169675

Anna Schlecht

From: Mary Nolan
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2012 12:01 PM
To: Keith Stahley; Steve Friddle; Anna Schlecht
Cc: Steve Hall
Subject: FW: Smith Building Conversion

Mary Nolan

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From: Charles Shelan [<mailto:CShelan@CommunityYouthServices.Org>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 3:17 PM
To: Julie Hankins
Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] RE: SmithBuilding Conversion

Julie-
Thank you for your response to my email. I am following up because I have not worked with you in the past. I would like to invite you to meet with me to discuss issues of mutual interest and to tour our service facility. If you are open to this invitation, please offer me some dates and times that you are available. As you may know, our building is only one city block from the City Hall.
Best regards,

Charles Shelan, MSW
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From: Julie Hankins [<mailto:jhankins@ci.olympia.wa.us>]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 5:00 PM
To: Charles Shelan
Subject: RE: SmithBuilding Conversion

Dear Charles,

Thank you very much for your email. I really appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts with me. I will keep your comments in mind as we move forward on the CDBG Annual Action Plan.

Again, thank you for contacting me. Have a great week.

Julie Hankins
Olympia City Council

From: Charles Shelan [<mailto:CShelan@CommunityYouthServices.Org>]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 9:49 AM
To: Julie Hankins
Subject: SmithBuilding Conversion

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Anna Schlecht

From: Mary Nolan
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2012 12:01 PM
To: Keith Stahley; Steve Friddle; Anna Schlecht
Cc: Steve Hall
Subject: FW: [BULK] STICK TO THE PLAN? THANKS FOR AWARDING FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER THE SMITH BUILDING AND CDBG FUNDS

Importance: Low

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From: lindasisson@juno.com [<mailto:lindasisson@juno.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 5:22 PM
To: Stephen Buxbaum; Stephen Langer; Nathaniel Jones; Karen Rogers; Julie Hankins; Jeannine Roe; Jim Cooper
Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] [BULK] STICK TO THE PLAN□THANKS FOR AWARDING FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER THE SMITH BUILDING AND CDBG FUNDS
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As a citizen I support your decision to support homeless families by providing the Smith Building to create housing!

Thank-you

Linda Sisson

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Sent: Monday, June 18, 2012 12:02 PM
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Cc: Steve Hall
Subject: FW: Smith Building Conversion

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From: Julie Hankins [<mailto:jhankins@ci.olympia.wa.us>]
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2012 10:24 PM
To: 'Charles Shelan'
Subject: [Forwarded from DataCove] RE: SmithBuilding Conversion

Charles,

Thank you for your kind invitation. I would enjoy meeting with you and touring your service facilities. Since my schedule is really full the next two weeks, could we pick a date and time in mid July?

Thanks for your patience.

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Steve Friddle

From: CityCouncil
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 3:15 PM
To: 'geoff hartford'
Cc: Councilmembers; Steve Hall; Steve Friddle; Keith Stahley
Subject: RE: Smith Building

Thank you for your comments. I will forward them on to all Councilmembers and appropriate staff.

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From: geoff hartford [<mailto:gchartford@msn.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 7:38 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: Re: Smith Building

Please share this email with the council. Thank you.

Once again you collectively show your fiscal ineptitude/irresponsibility by trying to ask the home owners of Olympia to shoulder your inability to make the decisions to cut expenses. YOU WORK FOR US!!! Start listening. We want NO TAXES!!! No sales taxes and no property taxes is what everyone is saying! Can you not hear?? Look within like we all do to cut expenses even though no one likes it. We are not your piggy bank. Every day I see public works people sitting in their vehicles doing nothing or talking, talking, sometimes for hours. Get out and look! I'm sure that is just one of the wasteful operations that could cut expenses. You also have a 1.5 million dollar property you are trying desperately to give away and asking the people of Olympia to pay more sales taxes at the same time. That is delusional thinking and you need to get a grip on fiscal responsibility. You remind me of a bunch of people who think they are elite country club who vote to please themselves AND exclude those not in the clublike us tax payers.

GET OUT AND TALK TO PEOPLE WHO THINK GIVING AWAY 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS AND ASKING THE STRUGGLING PEOPLE TO PAY MORE TAXES IS ABSURD. IF YOU DON'T, WE WILL DEAL WITH YOU AT THE POLLS.

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JUN 28 2012

City of Olympia
Executive Department

June 23, 2012

Dear Olympia City Council:

I support the allocation of Federal CDBG funds and the transfer of the Smith Bldg. to the Family Support Center. I understand this action would make possible for up to 60 adults and children to leave the streets and have safe housing. Homeless families deserve housing.

Sincerely,
Eleanor van Noppen



Eleanor VanNoppen
2708 30th Ave. SE
Olympia, WA 98501

Steve Friddle

From: CityCouncil
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2012 2:02 PM
To: juliasews@comcast.net
Cc: Councilmembers; Steve Hall; Jay Burney; Keith Stahley; Steve Friddle
Subject: RE: support for the Smith bldg plan

Thank you for your comments. I will forward them on to Councilmembers and appropriate staff.

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From: juliasews@comcast.net [<mailto:juliasews@comcast.net>]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 12:48 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: support for the Smith bldg plan

Dear Mayor Buxbaum and City Council Members,

I commend your decision to use the Smith Building in such a creative and community conscious way. Your city council decision is consistent with the county's plans to end homelessness and increase affordable housing. I am glad that you are willing to turn the Smith Bldg into something useful in this troubled economy. In the current commercial realestate market this nearly 50 year old building has little marketable value (despite the County's appraised value) and no one has yet come forward with a proposal to buy it, despite all the publicity. To leave the building sitting empty would send the wrong message to the community--it would say "We give up, we don't have hopes and dreams." And it would encourage that thinking to grow and infect our future direction. By turning the building into a thriving center of support and caring services, you send the right message to everyone who lives in this community. This is a great example of making lemonade out of lemons. Sincerely,
Julia Moore

Steve Friddle

From: CityCouncil
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2012 2:08 PM
To: Ivy Aho
Cc: Councilmembers; Steve Hall; Jay Burney; Keith Stahley; Steve Friddle
Subject: RE: Family Support Center

Thank you for your comments. I will forward them on to Councilmembers and appropriate staff.

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From: Ivy Aho [<mailto:ivymarie82@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 1:12 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: Family Support Center

I am writing in support of the descision to give the Family Support center the Smith building and surplus funds to provide shelter and services to homeless families here in Olympia. Thank you

Ivy Aho

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City of Olympia
Executive Department**DREBICK
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June 27, 2012

Olympia City Council
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City of Olympia
PO Box 1967
Olympia, WA 98507-1967Matt Batcheldor
The Olympian
111 Bethel Street NE
Olympia, WA 98506

Re: Capitol Center Building

There is a time for everything.

Now is not the time to raise Ten Million dollars to create a long term ownership liability when the City is now struggling with a budget shortfall.

It seems you are being rushed into a deal with the entity that has nothing at risk other than the promise of their assistance in the proposed ballot measure.

To ask the voters to approve 2 special taxes, one for the Isthmus and one for the budget shortfall, will probably create a total negative attitude among the taxpayers with nothing being passed. If the City needs the additional property tax. That should be focused on. Please note the City of Stockton California just declared bankruptcy with the Trustee taking over several properties including a new city hall.

I presume the deal includes the Tower, adjoining parking lot, the one store, stores adjoining and the parking lot next to the Yacht Club. A very nice combination of properties.

My suggestion is put up for sale the Smith Building, dedicate the money for Isthmus purchases and set up a special fund to deposit into time to time when possible until enough is there. Then proceed with purchases.

I was the person who sold the block the new City Hall is located on. The price was \$3,383,333.33 for the entire block with the City taking over environmental problems and demolition. The price was \$68.31 per sf. It was my understanding that the City had been accumulating money over time which allowed them to proceed without going out for more money from the tax payers.

The subject property encompasses 94,450 sf total of land, and at the reported price of \$9,900,000.00 amounts to \$104.50 per sf. Who knows what the demolition costs and environmental cleanup will cost. There had been several service stations on the property at one time.

If the subject property sold for the same price as the old Safeway property was sold to the City for \$68.31 sf. The price on this deal would be \$6,451,880.00 \$3.5 million less than the option price.

The property has been vacant for about 6 years for a reason. I suspect obsolescence and low market demand.

In summary my suggestions are:

1. Not proceed at this time
2. Sell the Smith Building.
3. Dedicate the funds from the Smith Building to a special fund to be created for Isthmus purchases.
4. Create the special fund for Isthmus purchase.
5. Find a way to channel funds into the special fund.
6. Do not be rushed into a deal. I think the price is not representative of the market.

Keep in mind you will be buying vacant land. The cost being purchase price plus demolition and environmental cleanup.

Sincerely,



John D. Drebeck

JUN 28 2012

City of Olympia
Executive Department

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June 27, 2012

CC: COUNCIL
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✓ Mayor Stephen H. Buxbaum
Olympia City Council Members
Nathaniel Jones Steve Langer
Karen Rogers Julie Hankins
Jeannine Roe Jim Cooper

PO Box 1967
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Re: 2012 Community Development Block Grant Funding
Proposal of Family Support Center

Dear Mayor Buxbaum and City Council Members:

I submit this letter of support for the Family Support Center ("Center") proposal you have received, both as a resident of the City and on behalf of the Mission, Peace & Justice Ministry ("Ministry") of The United Churches of Olympia ("Church").

Over a number of years and with certain other faith communities, our Ministry and our Church has actively participated in programs seeking to ameliorate the conditions of homelessness in our community. These have included the Emergency Overflow Shelter, the development of Camp Quixote, and more recently, the new, innovative outreach of the SideWalk program with which you are, of course, familiar.

Through these years, when individuals and families have come through the doors of our Church in desperate need of shelter and other assistance, the Family Support Center has helped us respond, despite its limited resources.

We see the Center's proposal for family shelter beds and housing units as an essential next step in what it has set about in its shelter program at the First Christian Church. If you will, a "continuum of care" in a generic sense. If successful, the Center will be able to increase its capacity for ministering to this very vulnerable segment of our citizenry.

We are mindful of the courageous work of other applicants for this CDBG funding, and we have and will continue to support these organizations as a church and as our own funding and volunteer capacity allow. Designation of priorities in difficult times calls for particular discernment. It is through such introspection that we unreservedly support the application of the Center for this funding.

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Thank you for your continued work and thoughtful approach to this difficult decision.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leland T. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Leland T. Johnson

c: Matt Hornyak, Family Support Center

Steve Friddle

From: CityCouncil
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 5:43 PM
To: smsegall@comcast.net
Cc: Councilmembers; Steve Hall; Jay Burney; Keith Stahley; Steve Friddle
Subject: RE: Smith Building & CDBG Block Grant

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From: smsegall@comcast.net [<mailto:smsegall@comcast.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 4:35 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: Smith Building & CDBG Block Grant

Dear Council Members,

I'm writing to express my support for the sale of the Smith Building for a token sum to the Family Support Center or other qualified non-profit for the purpose of addressing homelessness in Olympia.

I believe that objections to this are politically motivated and intellectually dishonest. Most assume that fair market value of the property is the same as the assessed value. It is not. The accepted legal definition of fair market value is what a willing buyer and a willing seller, neither being under a compulsion to act and dealing at arms length, agree upon.

Here, the city has an empty building that it must maintain. It has a very limited market, if any, in its current condition and zoning to a private purchaser. As it stands, the city is getting less than zero value by holding on to this asset.

Some have characterized this as a giveaway. It is not. A giveaway is what the last council did when it sold the Colpitts parking lot/land for about \$300,000 and agreed to pay an amount roughly equal to the sale price in environmental clean up costs predicated on the promise to build apartment units. This promise has shown to be rather elusive and the development (and resulting benefit) speculative at best.

The sale of the Smith Building for a token sum makes good on the promise to address the homeless problem downtown and also helps in targeting the street life that many in the community view as a deterrent to feeling welcome in our downtown. These populations are not the same though there may be some overlap. The use of CDBG monies along with the building's sale makes good on the promise to partner with non-profits who are willing and able to contribute to the welfare of our community thereby leveraging scarce municipal tax dollars and maximizing how they can be spent most productively. In short, the city gets an exponentially larger bang for their buck both now and in the future.

Finally, it shows that our city cares more about the less fortunate and truly needy in ways that are meaningful and are not just empty statements of empathy and concern. We've come a long way from when Mayor Mah inquired about the possibility of boarding up empty building alcoves to address the problems of the homeless on our streets. We need to do more with our limited resources to help the homeless recognizing that these steps will in no way solve the problem. It's a start and tea party rhetoric about how bad government is when trying to solve problems dealing with poverty, race and class should be addressed head on. Our community is made up predominantly of public employees who perform their jobs for the public good. Many of the businesses that we frequent and support share these values. Taking this action will be good for downtown businesses as well as the right thing to do.

I want to recognize and thank Mayor Buxbaum for the extraordinary effort and work put in to help bring this project to fruition along with council members Roe and Langer for their hard work and perseverance in helping to bring this solution forward from the previous council. I also wish to thank council members Jones, Cooper and Hankin for your compassion and support of this project.

Respectfully,

Steve Segall
3110 Red Fern Dr NW
Olympia, WA 98502

Steve Friddle

From: CityCouncil
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 5:44 PM
To: sarahsegall@comcast.net
Cc: Councilmembers; Steve Hall; Jay Burney; Keith Stahley; Steve Friddle
Subject: RE: Smith Building and CDBG Block Grant

Thank you for your comments. I'll forward them on to Councilmembers and appropriate staff.

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From: sarahsegall@comcast.net [<mailto:sarahsegall@comcast.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 5:18 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: Smith Building and CDBG Block Grant

Dear Council Members,

I support the transfer of the Smith Building to the Family Support Center. I believe that the long term cost of not addressing homelessness will far outweigh any minimal revenue the city might gain if (big if) it could sell this property on the open real estate market.

This is a creative partnering that will benefit the community both short and long term.

Thank you for your compassion and for your vision.

Sincerely,

Sarah Segall
3110 Red Fern Dr NW
Olympia WA 98502

Steve Friddle

From: CityCouncil
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 5:34 PM
To: nanjacgypsy@comcast.net
Cc: Councilmembers; Steve Hall; Jay Burney; Keith Stahley; Steve Friddle
Subject: RE: Lack of responsibility

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From: nanjacgypsy@comcast.net [<mailto:nanjacgypsy@comcast.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 9:23 AM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: Lack of responsibility

The hard working citizens of our community needs responsible leaders to handle the finances of our city. At this point in time we don't have them.

Why do I say this, we are in debt of 2 to 4 million dollars and yet we are ready to give away an \$800,000 asset (Smith Bldg.) for \$1.00. This makes no sense to me as I graduated from elementary school (: !

I ask each of you to exercise common sense and not give away a building that can help alleviate our city's debt. Most of my fellow citizens, including myself, would not object to this give away of funds if we were in better economic times. Please exercise common sense. It is why we voted for each of you.

Sincerely,
Jack Furey

Steve Friddle

From: CityCouncil
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 5:25 PM
To: Pam Toal
Cc: Councilmembers; Steve Hall; Jay Burney; Keith Stahley; Steve Friddle
Subject: RE: Support for the Family Support Center

Thank you for your comments. I'll forward them on to Councilmembers and appropriate staff.

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From: Pam Toal [<mailto:pam@toalcoachingandconsulting.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 9:11 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: Support for the Family Support Center

Greetings –

I am writing to support the Family Support Center's request to obtain the Smith Building from the City of Olympia to provide housing for homeless families.

Sincerely,

Pam Toal
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Coaching leaders who care about
Life Leadership Legacy

Steve Friddle

From: CityCouncil
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 5:22 PM
To: Laura Vaillancourt
Cc: Councilmembers; Steve Hall; Jay Burney; Keith Stahley; Steve Friddle
Subject: RE: Plum street city council building

Thank you for your comments. I will forward them on to Councilmembers and appropriate staff.

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From: Laura Vaillancourt [<mailto:lauraolywa@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 7:50 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: re: Plum street city council building

Please include this email as a vote of support for your decision to award the city council building to the Family Support Center's plan to create a family shelter. My daughter has volunteered at their current family shelter, which operates during night and early morning hours only. I have learned a lot from her experience volunteering with children there, as has she. Thank you for supporting those with minimal voice in our community: those that are too busy surviving day to day to have the privilege of time to have their voices heard.

Steve Friddle

From: CityCouncil
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 4:50 PM
To: julie.cfd@ccountry.net
Cc: Councilmembers; Steve Hall; Jay Burney; Keith Stahley; Steve Friddle
Subject: FW: letter on CDBG for Public Hearing record
Attachments: July 2 letter to city council.docx

Thank you for your comments. I'll forward them on to Councilmembers and appropriate staff.

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From: Julie.cfd [<mailto:julie.cfd@ccountry.net>]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 6:57 PM
To: CityCouncil
Cc: Matt Hornyak; Alenka Andrus; Beth Oppliger; Brian Walsh; Cindy Murray; Jean Phillips; Jo Ann Young; Julie Rodwell; Mark Swanson; Angela Thompson; Anna Schlecht
Subject: letter on CDBG for Public Hearing record

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard.

Julie F. Rodwell, Board President, Out of the Woods family homeless shelter
We get homeless families back on their feet in 90 days
360-491-6354



2300 East End Street NW, Olympia, WA 98502
 (360)-491-6354 <http://outofthewoods.org/>

To: City of Olympia
 City Council Members
 PO Box 1967
 Olympia, WA 98507-1967

July 2, 2012

by e-mail

From: Out of the Woods Family Shelter

Re: Support for Family Support Center's 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application

Out of the Woods encourages the Olympia City Council to approve Family Support Center of South Sound's plan to provide low income housing and shelter space in the Smith Building. We have written and testified previously in this vein.

Both Family Support Center and Out of the Woods offer **service-supported** shelter facilities. The new project, by providing longer stays and 24/7 accommodation to its clients, will be even more effective in getting homeless people back on their feet.

Service-supported means not just a hot meal, a shower and a mattress, but also case worker help to connect with the social service agencies appropriate to one's situation, and a longer stay in order to accomplish this effectively. The team that assists in this is large, and includes at least:

Non Profits: Community Youth Services, SeaMar, Behavioral Health Resources, Mercy Housing/Evergreen Vista, Olympia's Union Gospel Mission, ROOF, Thurston County Food Bank, Community Café, Drexel House/Catholic Community Services, Crisis Clinic, CHOICE Regional Health Network, Olympia Free Clinic, YMCA Childcare Services

Government: Housing Authority of Thurston County, Cities of Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater; Thurston County, DSHS Children's Administration, North Thurston School District, Olympia School District, Tumwater School District, Thurston County Prosecutor/Clerk's Offices-Family Justice Center.

The FSC plan reflects a concept that works, is more than a band-aid, and needs to be expanded.

Sincerely,

Julie F. Rodwell, President, OTW Board

Steve Friddle

From: CityCouncil
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 4:47 PM
To: Earlene Lindsay
Cc: Councilmembers; Steve Hall; Jay Burney; Keith Stahley; Steve Friddle
Subject: From Earlene Lindsay RE: Please Support Affordable Housing!!

Thank you for your comments. I'll forward them on to Councilmembers and appropriate staff.

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From: Earlene Lindsay [mailto:lindsay_earlene@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 2:01 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: Please Support Affordable Housing!!

Dear Council Members,

My name is Earlene Lindsay and I am writing to you to ask for your support in providing the community of Olympia with affordable housing for children and families. By ensuring that the Family Support Center receives the Community Block Grant you will effectively guarantee that families and children will receive the necessary housing to begin their lives without the stress of worrying about their housing needs.

I know first hand what it is like to worry about housing and the needs of a child with little to no money available. Providing the community with emergency shelter facilities and affordable housing opportunities you would be assisting families in creating more positive lives and building a stronger community.

Please help strengthen our community!!

Sincerely,

Earlene Lindsay, MSW

June 12, 2012

Mayor Buxbaum and Members of the Council:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback to Olympia's plan for using Community Development Block Grant funds.

My name is Rachael Langen Lundmark and I am the Chair of the Board of the Family Support Center. We are fortunate enough to have been chosen by the Council as the project you are putting forward for use of the CDBG dollars. We are excited about the opportunities the funds and the sale of the Smith Building present for improving services to homeless families AND for increasing the number of permanent and affordable housing units in the downtown area.

Back in March, the council voted unanimously to sell the Smith Building to a non-profit as a strategy to meet the City's goals to reduce homelessness and increase affordable housing units. This decision is now being re-visited with some wondering whether the asset should be used to pay the bills. **I encourage you to stick with your original decision to sell the Smith Building as a tool for a public benefit.**

While I've heard many figures thrown around, it sounds like selling the Smith Building will bring the City one-time revenue of, let's say, \$700,000. This

money would then be used to pay off debt. This is a good short-term option with a one-time benefit.

However, the City has goals that require actions with long term benefits. Reducing homelessness and increasing the number of affordable units are goals in your current CDBG Consolidated Plan, in your 2012 Goals, and in the County's 10-Year Plan to Reduce Homelessness of which the City is a partner. These goals can be met only when you take specific action towards meeting these goals. Selling the Smith Building so that it can be used as a family shelter and to create new units of permanent, affordable housing is a courageous strategy that will have long term benefits for individuals, families and for the community.

HUD has a formula for helping communities identify savings when a homeless individual gets housing. When applied to this project, the savings are at least as much (but likely to be so much more) than the potential proceeds from a sale of the Smith Building.

There is another benefit I want to emphasize. The family shelter is currently located in a church basement. There have been improvements made to this facility so that former classrooms and meeting space are now more inviting and comfortable for children and families. There's now a kitchen and there is now a shower. With the re-location of the family shelter to the Smith Building, this facility

becomes available for another homeless population, perhaps single women, moving even more homeless individuals off the streets of downtown Olympia.

To summarize, the estimated sales price of the Smith Building is eclipsed by the long term impacts and benefits of moving families with children into stable and secure housing. I encourage you to submit the CDBG plan amendment as you have proposed.

Thank you!