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COUNCIL MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

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A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE LOCATION OF A MENTAL HEALTH TRANSITIONAL LIVING HOME AT 11255 AND 11275 GRANT DRIVE, NORTHGLENN, COLORADO

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of our community's residents are of utmost importance;

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado Department of Human Services plans to locate a Mental Health Transitional Living (MHTL) home at 11255 and 11275 Grant Drive in the City of Northglenn, which is adjacent to a residential neighborhood and in the direct walking path of elementary school students;

WHEREAS, the MHTL facility, which is run by the State's Office of Civil and Forensic Mental Health, will be used as a transition to a less restrictive setting for individuals with severe mental health conditions, which may include sex offenders;

WHEREAS, the decision to locate the MHTL facility at 11255 and 11275 Grant Drive was made by the State without collaboration or proper notification to local authorities or to the impacted community;

WHEREAS, the proximity of such a facility to schools, a licensed daycare, churches, senior living facilities, and retail outlets including a liquor store and a marijuana business presents heightened risks, particularly for vulnerable populations such as children and senior residents;

WHEREAS, the presence of a MHTL facility near certain retail outlets could exacerbate existing challenges related to substance abuse and addiction within our community, and jeopardize the successful treatment of patients at the facility;

WHEREAS, the community has expressed significant concerns regarding the potential implications of having a MHTL facility in such close proximity to areas frequented by children and at-risk individuals, especially in the direct path of unsupervised children walking to and from Stukey Elementary School, which operates as a Title I K-5 school;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of local authorities to prioritize the safety and well-being of all residents, including taking proactive measures to mitigate risks associated with the location of facilities that serve vulnerable populations;

WHEREAS, alternative locations may be available that would better address the needs of individuals requiring the facility's services while minimizing potential risks to the surrounding community;

WHEREAS, the City of Northglenn desires to work with the State in partnership to determine if there are suitable locations for MHTL facilities in the community, and is opposed to preemptive measures that have excluded the City's involvement and ability to be fully informed about the facility's operations and clients; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents, visitors and school children of the City of Northglenn that the MHTL facility not be located at 11255 and 11275 Grant Drive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council strongly opposes the location of a Mental Health Transitional Living home at 11255 and 11275 Grant Drive, Northglenn, Colorado.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that the City Council calls upon the State Office of Civil and Forensic Mental Health and other relevant authorities to reconsider the proposed location and explore alternative sites that would better serve the needs of the individuals requiring services while safeguarding the safety and well-being of all residents.

Section 3. If the State Office of Civil and Forensic Mental Health is unwilling to consider the safety and well-being of all residents and find an alternative location for the facility, the City Council strongly urges and requests assurance from the State that no sex offenders be housed in the Mental Health Transitional Living home at 11255 and 11275 Grant Drive.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

SHANNON LUKEMAN-HIROMASA
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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