

August 21, 2024

re: Multi-Faith support for Family Interim Housing Program

Dear Mayor Wood, South Salt Lake City Council Members and Planning Commission Members:

We are writing to you as clergy from a variety of faith traditions to express our support for the swift approval of the Family Interim Housing Program in South Salt Lake City so that it can be open and available for homeless families with children this winter. Despite theological and ethical differences in other areas, we share a commitment to ensuring that children have a safe and warm place to sleep at night. Due to a surge in need that began in the summer of 2022, existing beds at the Family Resource Center in Midvale are no longer adequate and families with children have been turned away for the first time in many years.

Our congregations have members all over Salt Lake County so we are grateful that a site has been found where up to 80 families with children can receive services and stable interim housing for this winter and in future years. If there is a way that we can support efforts to expedite the approval of this important project please let us know by contacting Bill Tibbitts at Crossroads Urban Center via email at bill@crossroadsurbancenter.org.

Thank you for being willing to serve in public office and for your willingness to lead on important issues like this one.

Sincerely,

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First Unitarian Church

Rev. Doug Gray
First Congregational Church of Salt Lake City

Rev. Brent Gundlah (he/him)
Senior Pastor, Holladay United Church of Christ

Rev. Olga Hard
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Rev. Christine Higuera-Street she/her/hers
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Rev. Elias Koucos
St. Anna's Greek Orthodox Church

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