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Ms. Keller,

The Center for Hope & Safety (CHS) has been serving the City of Salem, and Marion County, for 50 years. For 45 of those years, CHS has provided emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. In that time, we have provided more than 180,000 nights of shelter to vulnerable children and adults in our community.

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Formerly Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service

In 2020, the CHS was awarded a Project Turnkey property at 4646 Portland Road NE, Salem, OR 97305. Project Turnkey was to repurpose motels into shelters in order to move away from congregate shelters due to the pandemic and to increase the number of individuals safely sheltered who were homeless. The City of Salem granted permission for the motel to be used for shelter in March of 2021. The Neighborhood Association supported the project in November of 2021.

CHS named the project Mosaic for *"taking what is broken and making something beautiful"*. Since the award, CHS has been working to make the property better suited for the families living there, including adding security measures, a 24-hour laundry facility, a playground, and a food pantry. CHS is now working to make the single rooms into two- and three-bedroom suites and adding kitchenettes. Under the current configuration, the motel has very small refrigerators and microwaves and it is difficult for parents to prepare food for their families. The City of Salem provided the funding for the kitchenettes through the ARPA funding.

This Mosaic remodel project meets the criteria of HB 3395, Emergency Shelter Siting in the following ways:

- (a) Includes sleeping and restroom facilities for clients;
- (b) Will comply with applicable building codes;
- (c) Is located inside an urban growth boundary;
- (d) Will not result in the development of a new building that is sited within an area designated under a statewide planning goal relating to natural disasters and hazards, including flood plains or mapped environmental health hazards;
- (e) Has adequate transportation access to commercial and medical services; and
- (f) Will not pose any unreasonable risk to public health or safety.

CHS qualifies to operate an emergency shelter under Section 3.2. since we have more than 2 years of experience operating an emergency shelter (45 years of experience), and we have held a public benefit nonprofit status for more than 45 years.

CHS provides access to all of the services under Section 3.3. A-Gb, including showering or bathing, storage for personal property, laundry facilities, food, recreation areas for children and pets, case management, etc. The CHS Mosaic project qualifies as a family violence shelter home under ORS 409.290.

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The remodel project was awarded funding under the Governor's Executive Order in 2023, and we are working diligently to meet the deadline of January 2024 for finishing at least some of the rooms. We would appreciate any efforts to help expedite the permit process. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for any assistance you are able to offer.

All my best,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Jayne Downing". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jayne" and last name "Downing" clearly legible.

Jayne Downing
Executive Director