



Congressman Jason Crow,

We write in support of the City of Aurora's Community Project Funding request to create Safe Outdoor Spaces and pair them with a mobile trailer to provide laundry, showers and restrooms.

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Respectfully,

Kevin Hougen

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The City is willing to carry out this project and can obligate the funding for the project within the time period set forth under federal-aid highway requirements. Thank you for your consideration.

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Nicole Johnston

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City Council Member, Ward 2



April 27, 2021

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April 20, 2021

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Mike Coffman
Mayor



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April 22, 2021

The Honorable Jason Crow
3300 S Parker Rd #100
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Richard Pease, Major
Divisional Secretary for Business and Denver Metro Coordinator



Mile High
Behavioral Healthcare

April 23, 2021

Jason Crow
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Congressman Crow,

The City of Aurora's 2020 Point-in-Time (PIT) count reflected that there are 427 individuals experiencing homelessness in the City of Aurora and the current options of non-cold weather activation shelter beds is approximately 150. This PIT number is conservative since it is based upon a one-night count of all those experiencing homelessness and these individuals have to be visible and willing to oblige by the PIT guidelines. The need is extremely high in Aurora.

As the CEO of Mile High Behavioral Healthcare (MHBHC), which is metro Denver's leading nonprofit provider of affordable, evidence-based behavioral health services, including substance use and/or mental health, I want to share with you how the need for quality, integrated behavioral healthcare has never been more urgent. We urge you to consider the proposal for additional safe outdoor spaces in the vast city of Aurora, Colorado. Since the Comitis Crisis Center (one of the MHBHC facilities) is the only 24/7 full service shelter in Aurora, more space is needed for those experiencing homelessness. Comitis provides a safe place to stay to an average of 150 people per night through its emergency shelter and transitional housing programs, though it is not enough.

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Robert "Bob" Dorshimer
CEO
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