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Subject: Allen Street Maintenance Shop

Good morning Mike,

I am not sure we have been formally introduced but I am sure you know I am the chair for the Homeless Task Force, formed by Mayor Perrin.

I have been researching a piece of property the city owns, known as the Allen street Maintenance Building. I understand that the Maintenance department needs a different location/shop.

My reason for emailing is to encourage you to consider keeping this property and letting us explore options for it becoming a homeless shelter. I have been on 3 task forces over the last 5 years, all with the task of bringing a new shelter to Jonesboro. All of which have failed to do so. The reason we fail is still true today. We can never get a location secured. According to Regina, we need an address before we can apply for grant money and we can not get an address without the grant money. It is hard to ask someone to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars for a piece of property and hope that the city can pay them back with a grant. With that being said, we need your help in securing property the city already owns. We simply can not build a new shelter without city property. I and many others believe the Allen street property is the best option. I don't foresee any opposition for rezoning there and the location already has several things we would need in a shelter. Even if it does not prove to be a suitable location, the city still owns it and can sell it at any point. We just need a chance to investigate this option.

Thank you for your time.

Dana Moore

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Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work.

~ Mother Teresa of Calcutta