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Dear City Council,

I would like to call attention to the truly heartwarming story in today's Shoreline Area News. It tells the story of a refugee from Africa who overcame many obstacles to become an award winning social worker, working for Lake City Partners. He embodies the true American spirit.

As part of his story he talks about what it took to overcome his drug addiction. "after some minor infractions with the law, he said drug court was the best thing that happened." He also says he supports the proposed enhanced shelter.

I understand he wants to support his employer in their desire to run this shelter, but the very help he received (drug court), that turned his life around, will be denied to this shelter's residents. Staff will not even be able to ask about illegal drug usage let alone require the drug treatment that is required in drug court.

Please make drug testing and treatment a requirement of this proposed shelter. It is the only way to turn around those lives.

Thank you,
Barbara Twaddell

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