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Re: Appeal/1566 Oak Avenue/22ZMJV-0031 and Appeal/1566 Oak Avenue/22ZMJV-0035

Dear Mr. Cummings & Ms. Klotz:

I was just retained by John Cleave and Chris Dillow, regarding the above matters. Mr. Cleave has a legal interest in real property within the notification boundary of 1566 Oak Avenue, the Margarita Inn. Mr. Dillow is also a neighbor of the Margarita Inn. In keeping with Article VI, §8 and Article VII, §5 of the Land Use Commission's Rules and Procedures, I am asking for a continuance of the above matters, which are currently set for the May 25, 2022 hearing.

I require additional time in which to review the entire matter, including the findings of Ms. Klotz and the information relied upon and to adequately prepare for the hearing. There are numerous documents that have been relied upon in the determination appealed from, as well as documents relevant to my clients' position on the appeals. I will have less than adequate time in which to review these materials in advance of the currently scheduled hearing.

Moreover, Mr. Cleave will be out of the State on May 25, 2022, due to previously scheduled travel plans, and thus unable to attend and testify in this matter. As an individual with a legal interest in real property within the notification boundary, his right to be present and testify should be considered and the matter continued so that he may be able to attend.

In addition, although not represented by us at the moment, we have been informed that at least one property owner did not receive adequate notice of the most recent appeal. A continuance would allow for any necessary review and resolution of that issue.

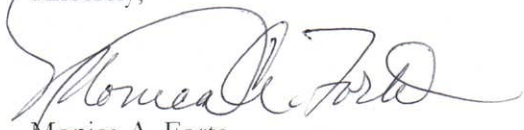
We are therefore asking that these matters be continued to the next hearing of the Commission on June 8, 2022. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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May 23, 2022

Nicholas F. Cummings & Melissa Klotz

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monica A. Forte". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'M' and 'F'.

Monica A. Forte

cc: Andrew Scott, apscott@dykema.com



May 23, 2022

To: Members of the Evanston Land Use Commission

We are writing to express our support for Connections for the Homeless plans to purchase and continue to operate residences with services for homeless individuals at the Margarita Inn.

There is a critical need for residences that serve a homeless population in need of access to housing and services as they work toward more permanent housing solutions. This arrangement is consistent with current thinking and best practices within the larger housing and homelessness provider community nationally.

The services being offered are comprehensive, including meals, case management, health services and medical referrals, transportation to appointments and much more. Connections for the Homeless has a proven record of outstanding service provision and expresses commitment to professional management of the property. The impact of such housing is substantial and one that often overlooks the cost savings in the long-run in addition to good outcomes for the individuals. People without housing are high consumers of public resources and generate expense for the community.

Connections has demonstrated its willingness to work with the community to meet any challenges that arise. They continue to meet and communicate on a regular basis with neighbors as well as city staff and the police to address any problems.

How the residences are categorized within the zoning code - as a rooming house, which does appear to be adequate, or something else – should not delay or prevent approval.

The League of Women Voters of Evanston has a long history of support for affordable housing and has, during the past year, reviewed and adopted revised positions on both housing and zoning. These revised positions include support for zoning and housing policies that prioritize equity, lower housing costs and reduced segregation, and that focus on resident wellbeing and housing stability. The League also supports reducing zoning restrictions and streamlining approval processes to encourage the use of land and buildings in creative and impactful ways and to create more affordability.

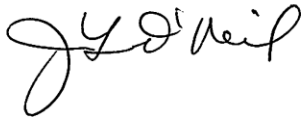
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We can't imagine a situation that more closely meets these policy positions than the continued use of the Margarita Inn for transitional residences with services for homeless individuals as they work toward identifying permanent housing solutions. We encourage a speedy and positive outcome on the part of the commission followed by full approval by the City Council.

Sincerely,



Mary Keefe Kelly



Jennifer Lee O'Neil

LWVE Co-Presidents

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Agenda Item (or comment on item not on the agenda):	1655 Osk
Position on Agenda Item:	Other:

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Position on Agenda Item:	In Favor

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How would you like to make your public comment?: Written (see below)

Provide Written Comment Here:

Dear Land Commission,
I am emailing my testimony in reference to the agenda item of the Land Commission May 25, 2021 meeting which I plan to watch on zoom.

I am writing AGAINST THE APPEAL*, and IN SUPPORT OF the Land Use Commission's previous vote to uphold the zoning ordinance definition for Margarita Inn as shown on your agenda page*.

I support allowing the successful social service organization-Connections for the Homeless- to be able to continue to administer Margarita Inn-at 1566 Oak Avenue- as a temporary housing with supportive services.

From my experience with Connections as a donation supporter, a teacher of students and residents who have volunteered services here in the past, I know that Connections is such a worthwhile organization, providing various services to those vulnerable people among us. Although I am not a resident of Evanston, I am involved in working in the community in health services and education in Evanston as a physician

Yesterday, I had the chance to see Margarita Inn too. (I happened to see the notice for this meeting on a sign posted on the property.) I knew from its history that The Margarita Inn and other hotel facilities in Evanston served an important role as temporary housing for those who were infected with Covid-19, whether they are medical personnel or they are people with unstable housing. The Margarita Inn, by providing temporary housing, continues to be a strong key to successful transitions that Connections provides to assist people who reside in Evanston to maintain survival of eating and shelter, and get the services needed to support their return to stable housing, jobs and community roles. As its website teaches us, in 2020 the Connections for the Homeless organization "helped 437 households maintain or obtain housing- a 45% increase from 2019**."

I have always been impressed with the morality and justice that Evanston shows as a community of values. The latest goals adopted by the City Council in 2019-2020 show three of its five goals of relevance to your vote on Margarita Inn land use, this week. As you know better than I, they include these in the 5 goals: "enhance community development and job creation citywide", "expand affordable housing options", and "ensure equity in all city operations"****.

Please do not repeal your previous ruling to allow for Margarita Inn to continue as a safe, supportive environment for those who live in Evanston with services as provided by Connections for the Homeless. The people of Evanston will continue to benefit by supporting an inclusive and equitable community that shows support to all those who dwell there.

Thank you for considering,

Sincerely,

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**..Appeal | 1566 Oak Avenue | 22ZMJV-0031 Chris Dillow, appellant, appeals the decision of the Determination of Use issued by the Zoning Administrator on March 17, 2022, regarding operations of Connections for the Homeless at the Margarita Inn at 1566 Oak Avenue, which found the operations to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance definition for Rooming House (Section 6-18-3) and also found existing Special Use Ord. 51-O-74, adopted in 1974, is no longer valid. The Land Use Commission is the determining body for this case in accordance with Section 6-3-9-8 of the Evanston Zoning Code and Ordinance 92-O-21. Due to an initial vote of 4-3 on a motion to uphold the Zoning Administrator's decision, the appeal was continued to this meeting in order to obtain a concurrent vote of 6, a majority of the current 10 Commission seats.

**<https://www.connect2home.org/housing.html>

***Reference from : www.cityofevanston.org/government/strategic-plan

the adopted 2019-2020 City Council Goals are as follows:

Invest in City Infrastructure and Facilities.

Enhance Community Development and Job Creation Citywide.

Expand Affordable Housing Options.

Ensure Equity in All City Operations.

Stabilize Long-term City Finances.

Agenda Item (or comment on item not on the agenda):

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**Position on
Agenda
Item:**

Other: OPPOSED to the appeal and IN FAVOR of the continued zoning of Margarita Inn for temporary housing

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Submitted at 05/25/22 4:26 PM

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Agenda Item (or comment on item not on the agenda):	Zoning appeal for Margarita Inn
Position on Agenda Item:	

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Name: Don Durkes

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How would you like to make your public comment?: Written (see below)

Provide Written Comment Here: The neighbors of the Margarita Inn Homeless Center are not asking for the Margarita Inn to go away - we are asking for oversight, the controls already established by ordinance. Sure, the ordinance may not exactly fit the use and that is why there is a process for requesting variances and unique use. Isn't this why the unique use capability was established to begin with? This process is established and has been used by ordinary citizens who for example simply want to put up a fence or businesses who want to expand.

Ignoring this, puts one class of people - homeless from the suburban Northern Illinois above all others - above the current permanent citizens of Evanston.

We all appreciate the volunteer efforts you are putting forth. This is a tough issue and one which is very, very important to the stakeholders involved, neighbors chief among them. We are not complaining about our view of the lake, but our encounters from those living at the Margarita Inn and safety concerns. The evidence of the impacts on the neighborhood is very clear - an astounding increase in emergency calls of 1,000 percent (source: police, fire, EMT call records). So this is not just another fraternity rooming house.

This is clearly not a rooming house and should be considered for perhaps, unique Use. It does not fit the definition of a rooming house as has been pointed out by the Zoning Administrator and so is clearly "unique".

We are also not asking for the removal or the discontinuation of this center just that it be licensed, controlled, and/or regulated in some way based on city code.

Minimally we are asking that the city, Connections, the Margarita Inn owner, and the neighborhood engage in a meaningful discussion about how best to establish this long-term treatment center in our town. This would mean not declaring this to be a simple rooming house but something new - a unique use as allowed for in the Rules and Procedures for the Land Use Commission. This is not an unreasonable ask.

Agenda Item (or comment on item not on the agenda):

III (a) and IV (c)

Position on Agenda Item:

Other:

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How would you like to make your public comment?: Written (see below)

Provide Written Comment Here: Dear Land Use Commissioners,

Thank you for volunteering your time and talents to be on this committee. For showing up, listening to all manner of situations and doing the work.

My name is Diana Durkes, and I live in the 4th ward. I'm a member of the neighborhood coalition that wants to help steer the impact of the transitional homeless shelter that operates there.

We want to be involved because this is not a black and white issue. Zoning for this doesn't fit into existing code. The designation as a rooming house does not fit the operations of the shelter.

We who live in the neighborhood are expert voices. We've been sending testimony to the folks at city hall for months. In a perfect world, they'd respond with "Yes, we hear you," and "We're saving a seat at the table for you." So far, we've gotten crickets, as the saying goes. So we appeal to you for more time to take a step back and look at the larger picture.

The foremost issue about the homeless shelter is public safety and public sanitary conditions. All hell broke loose last summer in our ward, and residents from Dempster to Davis experienced it. Human howling, drunk people in the park, mentally unstable speechifying at the school bus stop.

Then there's the unsanitary conditions. Public urination and defecation. A used tampon that sat for days on the parkway in front of the Margarita Inn. Human excrement on my front lawn. This tells us we need tighter zoning to frame the responsibility for public safety and sanitary conditions.

Funding is another facet of consideration. Can a charity with a reported 1.5 million in assets - this from their most recent 990 on Guidestar - afford to buy and operate a building with a price tag of \$3 million, \$10 million or \$15 million? it's publicly rumored the selling price is high.

We don't know what the figure is, but more importantly, we don't see any contingency funds in Connections annual report. The Margarita Inn is an old building, and old buildings need maintenance. Will taxpayers be asked to fund them? Our appeal asks for time to find answers.

There's also a general mistrust of Connections because of its communications tactics. For every safety and sanitary issue we bring up, they deflect by calling us racist and anti-homeless. They whip up public sentiment to echo them. Is that a good neighbor policy? No. Is that a way to grow your facility into the best it can be? No.

Right now, all we have is Ms. Bogg's promise that at a starting point in the future, Connections will be a good neighbor. It's an empty promise based on past performance. If this were my project, I'd be going door to door, meeting neighbors, listening to concerns.

A few questions I'd ask: does Connections know that residents at the Margarita Inn are taking advantage of its largesse? Does Connections know their tenants are using drugs and alcohol on the premises? Has she and the board of directors thought about how that can ripple out to neighborhood schools, playgrounds and parks?

On its website, Connections writes that it wants to be "THE agency in the northern suburbs leading the effort to deliver essential services to people who are homeless...."

We've guessed this means they want to house Skokie, Wilmette, Waukegan and other municipality's homeless at the Margarita Inn. But we don't know for sure, because Connections hasn't addressed their vision for the building going forward. They're also not being honest about guests who have drug and alcohol addiction problems, or acute mental health issues.

That's why we're here tonight. To demonstrate the need for a zoning code that sets rules and restrictions. A code to protect the residents at the Margarita Inn and the neighborhood. A code to help Connections set and enforce shelter rules and turn away those who violate it.

Agenda Item (or comment on item not on the agenda):

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Position on Agenda Item:

Other:

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How would you like to make your public comment?: Written (see below)

Provide Written Comment Here: Greetings - This is my written comment in reference to item III. A . of the Land Commission May 25, 2022 meeting agenda.

I am writing AGAINST THE APPEAL, and IN SUPPORT OF the Land Use Commission's previous vote to uphold the zoning ordinance definition for the Margarita Inn.

As a longtime Evanston resident and community family physician, I strongly support allowing the successful social service organization-Connections for the Homeless- to continue to administer Margarita Inn-at 1566 Oak Avenue-as temporary housing with supportive services.

From my experience with Connections as former medical director of Erie Family Health Centers Evanston/Skokie, I know that Connections is a high quality organization that provides many services to the most vulnerable people in our city, thereby providing all of us with critical, sometimes lifesaving interventions for our community.

The Margarita Inn and other hotel facilities in Evanston served an important role as temporary housing for those who were infected with Covid, whether

they were medical personnel or people with unstable housing. The Margarita Inn, by providing temporary housing, continues to be a strong key to the successful transitions that Connections provides, to support individuals and families in their return to stable housing , jobs and community roles. In 2020 Connections for the Homeless helped 437 households maintain or obtain housing- a 45% increase from 2019.

The Evanston City Council's 2019-2020 goals include " enhance community development and job creation citywide", "expand affordable housing options", and " ensure equity in all city operations". These goals are being realized due to the ongoing work of Connections for the Homeless and others.

Please do not repeal your previous ruling to allow for Margarita Inn to continue as a safe, supportive environment for those who live in Evanston with services as provided by Connections for the Homeless. The people of Evanston will continue to benefit by supporting an inclusive and equitable community that shows support for all those who dwell here.

Agenda Item (or comment on item not on the agenda):

III. A. Appeal | 1566 Oak Avenue | 22ZMJV-0031

Position on Agenda Item:

Opposed

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How would you like to make your public comment?: Written (see below)

Provide Written Comment Here: I am writing AGAINST THE APPEAL, and IN SUPPORT OF the Land Use Commission's previous vote to uphold the zoning ordinance definition for the Margarita Inn. I both live and work in Evanston. Through my job as a resident physician at Erie Family Health Center in Evanston, I take care of patients who live at the Margarita Inn and benefit from services from Connections. The Margarita Inn is well-positioned to continue to provide housing support to these Evanston residents and is poised for continued success if allowed by the Commission.

Agenda Item (or comment on item not on the agenda): Zoning ordinance definition for the Margarita Inn.

Position on Other: AGAINST THE APPEAL, and IN SUPPORT OF the Land Use

**Agenda
Item:**

Commission's previous vote to uphold the zoning ordinance definition for the Margarita Inn.

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How would you like to make your public comment?: Written (see below)

Provide Written Comment Here: Dear Land Commission,

I am emailing my testimony in reference to the agenda item of the Land Commission May 25, 2021 meeting.

I am writing in strong support of the land use commission's previous vote to allow the organization-Connections for the Homeless to utilize the Margarita Inn as temporary housing with supportive services and I am against the appeal.

Although I am no longer a resident of Evanston, I am involved in the community as a physician and educator and I believe Evanston has always set the example for morality and justice across the Chicagoland area.

Connections for the Homeless is a vital organization in the community that provides essential services to the most vulnerable people in Evanston. During the COVID pandemic, the Margarita Inn and other hotel facilities in Evanston served an important role as temporary housing for those who were infected with COVID-19, whether they were medical personnel or people with unstable

housing. By continuing to provide temporary housing, the Margarita Inn continues to be essential in the successful transitions that Connections provides, to support individuals and families in their return to stable housing , jobs and community roles.

In 2020 Connections for the Homeless helped 437 households maintain or obtain housing- a 45% increase from 2019. Connections for the Homeless is an organization that exemplifies the social justice goals of the Evanston community such as “expanding affordable housing options” and “ensuring equity in all city operations”.

As a community, we need to continue to support Connections for the Homeless and the social justice and equity work they do to improve the lives of many individuals. Please do not repeal your previous ruling to allow for the Margarita Inn to continue as a safe, supportive environment for those who live in Evanston with services as provided by Connections for the Homeless.

Best Regards,

Shelly Verma, DO
Family Medicine Physician

Agenda Item (or comment on item not on the agenda):

Appeal | 1566 Oak Avenue | 22ZMJV-0035

Position on Agenda Item:

Opposed

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Submitted at 05/25/22 4:50 PM

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How would you like to make your public comment?: Written (see below)

Provide Written Comment Here: Re: item III. A . of the Land Commission May 25, 2022 meeting agenda.

I am writing AGAINST THE APPEAL, and IN SUPPORT OF the Land Use Commission's previous vote to uphold the zoning ordinance definition for the Margarita Inn.

As a life-long Evanston resident and family physician at Erie Family Health Center, I strongly support allowing Connections for the Homeless to continue to administer the Margarita Inn-at 1566 Oak Avenue- as temporary housing with supportive services for Evanston's homeless population. From my experience with Connections as Director of the Family Medicine Residency at Erie Family Health Centers Evanston/Skokie, I know that Connections provides many needed services to the most vulnerable people in our city.

Temporary housing at the Margarita Inn has been key to the successful work that Connections does to support individuals and families in their return to stable housing , jobs and community roles.

The Evanston City Council's 2019-2020 goals include "enhance community development and job creation citywide", "expand affordable housing options", and "ensure equity in all city operations". These goals are being realized due to the ongoing work of Connections for the Homeless and others.

I ask that the council Does Not Repeal the previous ruling to allow the Margarita Inn to continue as a safe, supportive environment for those who are in need.

Agenda Item (or comment on item not on the agenda):

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Position on Agenda Item:

Other: Opposed to the appeal of land use commission allowing Margarita Inn to be used as temporary by Connections for the homeless

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