



25 August 2014

Mayor Oscar Leeser
City of El Paso
City Hall
300 N. Campbell
El Paso, Texas 79901

RE: CITY ORDINANCE #018218

Dear Mayor Leeser and Members of City Council:

I am aware that the Rescue Mission is opting to relocate their long-term shelter to 900 Wyoming Ave. This location is around a day care center, school, public park, residential district as well as business offices such as mine.

It is my understanding that the City will be revisiting City Ordinance #018218 where it initially required halfway houses and homeless shelters to be no closer than 1,000 feet of a church, school private or public, nursery schools, daycares, public parks and boundary of any residential district. However, the new ordinance now only restricts shelters to certain commercial and industrial zoning districts.

I ask that you revisit this ordinance taking into consideration that amending this ordinance will only hide the fact that a day care center, school, public park, business and residential district are still around the proposed location for this shelter. I have confidence that City Council can work on finding a better solution or alternate location for this shelter in an area where you can still accommodate this need to better serve and meet the needs of this community.

Respectfully,

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