



# Listening House of St. Paul

*...welcoming our community through radical hospitality*

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## **Letter of Support for the Innovate Our Social Impact Project of Listening House**

A \$3 million redesign of day shelter services to increase capacity, continuity, and engagement in Minnesota.

Dear Minnesota,

We are public services, businesses, citizens, and nonprofits who are concerned about the impacts of deep poverty and homelessness in our Minnesota and East Metro communities. Homelessness is both difficult for those directly experiencing it as well as those who witness it. Its scars ripple throughout how we conduct business, government, and daily life, and it is clear that no one is immune.

Not providing the adequate infrastructure to innovate better solutions for those in deep poverty is an expensive, time-consuming strategy that ultimately perpetuates the issue and drains our collective psyche. Each year, more and more of our budgets and time gets spent on mitigation efforts.

Thus, we are in overwhelming support of Listening House's Innovate Our Social Impact Project to give Minnesota and St. Paul a permanent location that will redefine the way day shelter services are provided. Giving those experiencing homelessness a daily purpose and a destination to access comfort, basic needs, medicine, and job and housing services is a critical step in turning mitigation into solutions.

In service,

Melvin Carter, City of St Paul, Mayor  
Jaime Tincher, City of St. Paul, Deputy Mayor  
Jeremy Ellison, St. Paul Police Department, Interim Chief  
Dai Thao, St. Paul City Council Ward 1  
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Kadra Mohamed, Metro Transit Police Department, Sergeant  
Homeless Action Team (HAT)  
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Toni Carter, Ramsey County Commissioner, District 4  
Rafael Ortega, Ramsey County Commissioner, District 5  
Jim McDonough, Ramsey County Commissioner, District 6  
Jay Xiong, Minnesota House Representative, District 67B  
Sandy Pappas, Minnesota State Senator, District 65  
Steve Sampson, St. Paul Fire Department, Deputy Chief - EMS  
Department of Housing Stability, Ramsey County  
Capital River Council – Downtown Council, District 17  
Dayton's Bluff Community Council, District 4  
W 7th / Fort Road Federation, District 9 Community Council  
Michael Goar, Catholic Charities of St. Paul & Minneapolis, CEO  
Julie Hoff, Daily Work, Executive Director  
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MN Coalition for the Homeless  
Terry Schneider MA/LP, RADIAS Health, President/CEO  
Jodi Harder, MS, LPCC, RADIAS Health, Director of Homeless Services  
Alan Ostegaard, RADIAS Health, Sr. Street Outreach Practitioner,  
Heading Home Ramsey Committee Chair  
Megan and Chris Kluthe, Listening House Supporters  
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Church of St. Mary of the Lake White Bear Lake  
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