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To: Jeremy Farmer
Subject: RE: THIS EVENING'S CITY COMMISSION MEETING

From: Randall Weinkauf <parishpastor@ilcandusc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 11:35 AM
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Dear Mr. Mayor,

Please accept my apologies for being absent from this evening's meeting and my being unable to speak on behalf of Justice Matters and the affordable housing trust fund. Once again my absence is due to work demands.

The "word on the street" is that a suggestion will be made at this evening's meeting to allocate \$25,000 from the affordable housing trust fund to be used to help offset the financial shortfall the Homeless Shelter currently is experiencing. We at Justice Matters certainly understand the dire straits in which the Homeless Shelter finds itself financially, as well as the desire of the City Commissioners to be of aid and assistance.

Even so, we feel that using the affordable housing trust fund as a source of emergency funding for the Homeless Shelter is ill-advised. The affordable housing trust fund was created to preserve and/or construct affordable housing. If the commissioners desire to support the operating expenses at the Homeless Shelter, we would appreciate that it be done so from other sources of funding, and it preserve the integrity of the fund. Our vision for the affordable housing trust fund's balance of \$100,000+ is to provide a demonstration project that shows collaboration, human invention, and potential solutions to the affordable housing crisis.

Respectfully yours,

[Pastor Randy]

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