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Hi,

I'm a resident of Vineyard Square, a community next to homestead park. We bought this property recently purely because of the nice environment for kids. There are lots of young kids in the community, and the homestead park is just right at our backyard. I learned recently that the town of Chapel Hill has decided to build a 50 bed shelter for homeless. I think this is a great thing for the town to do. Everybody has the right to have food and shelter, and it is very important for the society to give homeless people this fabulous opportunity to have home again. This is a great model for our kids as well. Unfortunately, as we all know that homeless shelter is always associated with crime. Building a homeless shelter within walking distance of kids' park is not a wise decision. I represent my whole family asking the town of Chapel Hill to reconsider the location of this shelter. Once again, we think it is important to build shelters for homeless. However, it is more important to make sure that our kids--our future--can have a decent place to grow and play.

Thank you so very much for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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