

Letters

Safe downtown

Expecting problems even before the relocation of the care center mission? This isn't my idea of progress.

Yet supporters of the move stated we should expect problems.

I work in the downtown area and I walk a couple of blocks each morning and night. My co-workers and I all oppose the move. Why should we agree to something that would endanger ourselves and our property?

I see a need for such a facility. I also see a need for a safe downtown Rapid City.

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Not downtown

It is an unfortunate state of affairs when our city is considering locating a mission for homeless people in the downtown area. I am in support of a facility to respond to the needs of the transient and the homeless. I am strongly against such a facility in the up and coming downtown area. I support the movement toward progress of Rapid City, particularly the development of local tourism and of the downtown business district. Putting the mission on Main Street will discourage further development. Tourism, property values, surrounding businesses and those employed in the area will suffer. In our endeavor to help the needy, we must consider the consequences on others. Please consider the future of Rapid City before locating a mission for transients on our "red carpet tour" of the downtown area. It does not belong downtown.

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Alternate site

Our business is located in the 200 block of Main Street. In the past we have donated business and staff time, money and effort, to raise funds and collect food for the needy.

For several years we have been a food drop center for the KOTA Care and Share food drive before Christmas. We collect, donate and help deliver food to Church Response.

We have sponsored several blood drives for United Blood Services when the need arose.

Our business has been the depository for Big Brothers-Big Sisters "Pennies for Juniors" fund raiser for two years. This involves a lot of staff time — plus, both years,

our staff people have chaired the project.

What I'm trying to say is: We do care. We are people who believe in helping with the problems of the needy, and we will continue to do so.

How are we to be rewarded for our continued efforts to help the needy?

We'll be rewarded with fear — fear of what can happen to us — if the homeless mission is located in the old city hall.

Please, let's find an alternate site for the mission.

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Concerned

We oppose the location of the three organizations that wish to purchase the old city hall for several reasons.

Let me make it clear, we do not oppose the organizations, but the location. We support all of them with donations.

It should be located where the people are in need of food distribution, clothing, etc.

I'm sure the people would appreciate not being stared at as heavy traffic passes by, reminding them of their misfortune.

We remember all too well the Cornerstone Mission people across from Halley Park some time ago and this would be 20 times that bad.

We have a business near this location. Our employees are concerned about their safety.

We have attended council meetings, where their proposal was to sell the city hall and put it back on the tax rolls to compensate the price of a new city hall structure.

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