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Message: Dear Planning & Zoning board members, I live two blocks from the Evergreen building. At your upcoming Meeting on Wednesday I'm sure you will be presented information about crime increase when a homeless shelter is located near a residential area. Any increase is unacceptable but the increase around a homeless shelter is staggering. I doubt any of you would want to live close when you hear those numbers. I understand it will house drug addicts and alcoholics also. I've visited friends at Heartview in Bismarck in the past. Heartview does a good job of security and monitoring what comes in. With their level of security even they can't keep drugs and alcohol out of their place. This place won't have anywhere near that level of security. At a similar place in Minot a friend of mine said every time they left the building to go for a walk the drug dealers were there waiting to sell them. They know they have a building full of potential customers. Kostelecky Park is one block away from this place. When the people leave this place where do you think they will be hanging out. This will ruin that Park. We don't need the drug dealers hanging around that Park. I agree there is a need for places for the homeless. Those places have to be located where they won't have the ability to commit crimes. A place where the drug dealers won't be able to hang out waiting to prey on them. The old Evergreen building is not the location for such a place. Thank you for your time.