



FOOD & SHELTER

September 5, 2024

To: City of Norman- Mayor, Council and Staff

From: Food and Shelter Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of Food and Shelter is tasked with considering all contract relationships for the organization and assessing the risk and benefit of the contract to the organization as a whole. As we consider the newly negotiated contract and operational policies of the overnight shelter called A Friend's House, we find it imperative to communicate the needs of the Board and reach an agreement on the management and finalization of the "City Auditor's Report" before the new contract language can be considered.

The Board of Directors requests a final summary report be released to the public by the City Manager's office or an office directed on his behalf to include the following:

1. A letter/statement of retraction and clarification to include:
 - a. No contract violations occurred by either party.
 - b. No evidence of malicious or intentionally mismanaged funds has been found and all discrepancies have been reconciled.
 - c. The operations of A Friend's House have been consistent with the practices of low barrier shelters in the region and any changes made to operational policies will be to clarify safety and operational policies already in place.
 - d. A mistake was made in releasing April Doshier's salary as it is not from city contract funds.
 - e. An apology for any negative impact releasing this misinformation has had upon Ms. Doshier personally or A Friend's House.
2. We believe it is in the best interest of Food and Shelter, the city and the shelter project that the allegations in the original report remain in draft form and the final report include only summary statements to prevent any further damage to our organization or the reputation of the shelter project.

The Board of Directors will not negotiate a new contract should these items be refused by the City.

Signed,

Adam Clinton, Board President