

October 21, 2024

To the residents and businesses of Lincoln,

We are reaching out to you with an update regarding the proposed medical respite center in Lincoln. For those who have not heard, City of Lincoln elected officials and staff were made aware of the recent acquisition of a property at 1660 3rd Street by The Gathering Inn (TGI) on August 14, 2024. The use of the 50-room facility (formerly Gladding Ridge) is a 60-bed medical respite center for unhoused individuals with a direct referral from a hospital, as reported by TGI. In addition, the facility's former memory care unit will be redefined as assisted living (RCFE) to serve up to 38 individuals in double occupancy rooms. According to TGI's grant application, priority will be given to individuals who need a higher level of care than can be provided at TGI's emergency shelter or longer stay required after medical respite.

First and foremost, we want to be clear that the City of Lincoln is NOT against collaborating locally and regionally to address serious issues facing our communities, such as homelessness. In fact, we have been steadfast in our commitment to addressing our unhoused population with compassionate accountability, community collaboration, and transparent communication.

We believe in working directly with local volunteers, non-profits, and the faith community to create solutions that are both effective and humane. Our success in reducing homelessness here in our own city is a testament to the strength of our collaborative efforts and our unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for all residents, regardless of their housing status.

However, we are now faced with this new challenge. TGI has proposed establishing a medical respite center in the heart of our city. While we recognize the importance of providing care to those in need, we are deeply concerned by the City's inability to ensure a safe and collaborative environment, the proximity of the project to schools, and the size and scope of the facility. Since acquiring the grant application TGI submitted to secure funding for this project, we are also extremely worried about TGI's true intentions for the facility moving forward.

In addition, there was a complete lack of outreach to the local community by TGI. Subsequent to the City becoming aware of the purchase of the property, TGI expressed interest in conducting community outreach. However, conducting outreach after a project

is started is ineffective and disingenuous. True engagement involves the community from the beginning, ensuring voices shape the project rather than responding to decisions already made.

Any effort to serve our residents, particularly the most vulnerable among us, must be done with involvement and support of the community. Without this, we risk fracturing the very unity that has allowed us to make significant progress in Lincoln and throughout Placer County.

Since our initial meeting with TGI on August 22, 2024, the City of Lincoln has taken the following actions:

- Informed the community about the intended project by press release (August 22)
- Approved moving forward with litigation proceedings against TGI (September 11)
- Issued legislative subpoena to TGI and California Department of Social Services requesting documents related to the grant award (September 12)
- Executed an inspection warrant at the TGI facility in Lincoln to ascertain whether the facility was in compliance with state mandated Building and Safety requirements (September 20)
- Lawsuit filed by the City of Lincoln against TGI (September 30)
- TGI served with lawsuit from City of Lincoln (October 14)

In Lincoln, we believe that true solutions come from collaboration, not imposition. While we cannot impose transparency on outside agencies and non-profits, we remain committed to maintaining transparency within our community.

For the most up-to-date information regarding the project, documents listed above, and steps being taken by the City, please visit www.lincolncalifornia.gov/medicalrespite.

With gratitude,



Dan Karleskint, Mayor