

The Women of The Old West End

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City Council
City of Toledo
Toledo City Council, Suite 2120
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Re: Special Use Permit for a Unison Group Home on Jefferson

Dear City Council Members,

We are writing you today regarding the request from Unison for a Special Use Permit for a group home at 2310 Jefferson Ave. We applaud the efforts of those who administer help to individuals who find themselves addicted to alcohol and drugs and need additional help. However we find that this requested facility is less than the required 500 feet between multiple group homes and similar facilities in our neighborhood, a part of the Central West area.

The Central West area of the City is again being inundated by these facilities. For example, Zeph has a huge footprint for this kind of care in the area along with several other group home facilities in the immediate area. For the area's around all these facilities and with the revitalization of the downtown it will not help but only hurt the growth of what is now happening for the Central part of the city and its neighborhoods.

Women of The Old West has, since the early 1980's observed, and objected to, the unfortunate fact that the central city has been inundated with these group homes

and similar facilities. The City has not kept accurate records of Special Use Permits concerning these type of facilities for years. The latest records that have been provided under the Ohio Open Records Act only show facilities with Special Use Permits since 2014. We have again observed a disproportionate number approved in the Central city and seek to call your attention the fact that this imbalance leads to a diminishment of Central city neighborhoods.

Therefore, we do not approve another facility of this kind be allowed in the Downtown and Uptown area of the city which is the Central West area. For Toledo City Council to yet again disregard the Municipal Code would be a slap in the face against those neighborhoods the law was designed to protect.

Respectfully,

Toni Moore, President
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