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PETITION TO RESTRICT LOCATION OF HOMELESS SHELTERS

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BE IT ENACTED, Corvallis Electors propose amending the Corvallis City Charter by adding within CHAPTER 10: Miscellaneous, Section 59, as follows:

1. Preamble

- a. This charter amendment is intended to ensure that homeless shelters in Corvallis have locations designed to ensure the livability, sustainability, and safety of our community, and that homeless shelters are located so as to be compatible with the City's long-term goals for a vibrant Corvallis.

2. Definitions

- a. A "homeless shelter" means a facility designed to provide overnight accommodation to indigent persons and which contains at least 15 beds.
- b. "Chronically homeless" means persons who have been regularly homeless for at least two years.
- c. "High-risk population" means persons who stay in homeless shelters and who have chronic drug or alcohol addictions or who are registered sex offenders.
- d. "Damp program" means a homeless shelter that knowingly provides overnight accommodations to persons under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

3. Restrictions

A homeless shelter may not operate within the city of Corvallis if:

- a. It serves the chronically homeless, a high-risk population or offers a damp program, and is located *within 500 feet of a school bus stop*, unless such bus stop is specifically intended to serve children staying at the homeless shelter; or
- b. It serves the chronically homeless, a high-risk population or offers a damp program, and is located *within 500 feet of an educational facility*, including facilities where children may obtain high school or GED degrees; or
- c. It serves a high-risk population or offers a damp program, and is located *within 1,000 feet of a store that sells liquor*; or
- d. It is located *within 200 feet of a single-family residence*; or
- e. It is located *within 1,000 feet of a Nationally Registered Historic District*; or
- f. It is located *within 500 feet of a public park, public greenway, or public library*