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From: **Bess McDavid** <bessmcdavid@gmail.com>
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Hi Sue and Ashley,
It's Bess McDavid. I was part of the Selection committee for the Ramada low-barrier shelter contract. I was part of the committee representing Oakley Neighborhood. I want to thank you for the thorough, innovative, compassionate and wholly not knotch proposal you submitted to the city to manage that shelter. I really appreciated how much Sunrise has already done, in gearing up to take on the interim period as you have done, providing medical, social and other services to the residents there. Your proposal showed how much you are capable of and much more. Your answers to our questions were reasoned and practical, and presented with a solid understanding of the issues and a willingness to manage more as they arise. I was really impressed with your proposal.

I expressed this on the committee, but I understand that circumstances have changed now and the city is changing direction. I still believe that we need a low-barrier shelter in Asheville and I think it needs to be accompanied by permanently affordable housing somewhere in the mix. I know Sunrise will keep doing good in the Homeless shelter space in Asheville and am confident that you all can take on whatever you decide to do.

Thank you very much!
Bess McDavid