

Call in Script for Downtown Pittsfield Inc.:

As a constituent of Pittsfield and/or a member of (name of church/synagogue), (who is also a member organization of Downtown Pittsfield, Inc.), I am calling to express my full support of the homeless shelter at First Methodist Church on Fenn Street. *I do not see the homeless shelter being a burden to the downtown community. These members are already on North Street using the services that they need.* Our community members who are experiencing homelessness have the right to have accessibility to those services provided to them within the downtown vicinity, including: food, shelter, the library, and other social service agencies. The homeless shelter would just give them greater and more convenient access. Just like the downtown businesses, they too have a right to be here and they already are.

****Some of our downtown congregations are members of Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. Please confirm with your pastor and/or leadership around your congregations membership and please make this known when you call.****

Call in Script for Senator Adam Hinds:

Good Afternoon, my name is _____ and I am from _____ and a member of _____ church/synagogue. I am calling to express my full support of the homeless shelter at First Methodist Church in Pittsfield. As I understand you helped secure \$200,000 that has allowed this project to begin. Thank you. I hope your dual role as Senator and board member of Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. will not prevent you from supporting this project to its completion.

Call in Script for Mayor Tyer:

Good Morning/Afternoon Mayor Tyer. I am calling to support my unequivocal support for the shelter at its proposed location at First Methodist on Pearl Street. Thank you for your attention to this issue. As one of your constituents, I again affirm the shelter location being downtown and do not see the shelter being a burden to the downtown community.

If you see fit to add to these phone calls:

As I person of faith, we are called to care for and welcome all. In all our faith traditions we are called to clothe, shelter, feed and provide care for those who are facing life circumstances that could easily come upon any of us.

As a person of faith, we are called to love our neighbors. A homeless shelter in downtown Pittsfield says to these neighbors you are loved, welcome and worthy of being here. Your ongoing presence is welcome and you too, have a place in this community.

Number for Senator Adam Hinds:

413-344-4561

413-768-2373

Number for Downtown Pittsfield, Inc.

413-443-6501

Number for Mayor Linda Tyer's Office:

413-499-9321

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Address to send letter to Development Review Board:

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Development Review Board

Department of Community Development

City Hall

70 Allen Street

Pittsfield MA 01201

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