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Mayor McAdams,

Homelessness is a very real issue in the Salt Lake Valley, and each city should be involved with solutions. West Valley has taken a very pro-active role in providing affordable low income housing, transitional housing and shelters for battered women. We have spent millions over the years providing real solutions to the homeless issue. It is abundantly clear West Valley City has stepped up to the plate, it is now time for other communities to do the same. Choosing already vulnerable communities is the wrong way to go. The three sites in West Valley are all in low income areas and the impacts on these residents and the surrounding businesses will be devastating.

The Jordan River Parkway has been a focus of renewal by the County and Cities along the Parkway for years. The Parkway can and should be the Crown Jewel of the County providing a safe place for families to ride, walk and canoe. Placing a homeless shelter anywhere along the Parkway will set any progress to that end at risk. Homeless camps along the river are already an issue adding a shelter anywhere near the river will only increase that problem and make it dangerous for families. All three sites plus the Oxbow site near the Jordan River should have made those sites a no go from the onset.

West Valley has done a significant part in the fight against homelessness. It is now time for other communities to step up and help in the solutions.

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