

## Letters of Support

Did you send in a letter of support for the Land Use Commission hearing? Please take the time to revise it and send it in again to the City Council and/or your Alderman.

Need to write a letter of support?

Letters from supporters will help us tell our story through your words and experiences. Send your letter to Mayor Biss, Melissa Klotz, Zoning Administrator, and be sure to include Connections and the City leadership listed in the sample email below.

A typical letter would include the following:

- Where do you live in Evanston?
- For how long?
- How have you interacted with the Margarita?
- Why do you believe in our mission and in helping the homeless?
- Contact information for city officials can be found [here](#).

Letters don't have to be formal or on letterhead. Just write down your thoughts and email them to us at [eullum@connect2home.org](mailto:eullum@connect2home.org) and to your city representative.

### Sample Email:

Subject Line: Support of Connections at the Margarita Inn

To: [dbiss@cityofevanston.org](mailto:dbiss@cityofevanston.org);

CC: [ckelly@cityofevanston.org](mailto:ckelly@cityofevanston.org); [kharris@cityofevanston.org](mailto:kharris@cityofevanston.org); [mwynne@cityofevanston.org](mailto:mwynne@cityofevanston.org);

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Dear Mayor Biss and Council Members,

My name is Peter Smith, and my family lives in the 4th ward.

I know that at the November LUC meeting, the special use permit was approved with a positive 5-3 recommendation to renew. Now it is up to the City Council to ensure Connections for the Homeless can continue to do their work at the Margarita.

I want to reiterate our support of the ongoing use of the Margarita Inn as a shelter for our neighbors who need their help.

We've lived in the city for 12 years, raising our wonderful children and dog. Our family has made bagged lunches for Connections since my kids were in Girl Scouts. We know that because of the pandemic, more people need help than ever before. Homelessness is growing across the country. Connections is our community's solution to this problem.

Sincerely,

The Smith Family