CITY OF TOPEKA

To: Honorable Mayor Michael A. Padilla
Topeka City Council Members
From: Irma Faudoa, Housing Navigator
Jana Kizzar, Major Topeka Police Department
Date: October 10, 2023
Re: Homeless Initiative Update

Major Jana Kizzar and I are honored to be co-leading the city's Homeless Initiative and it is with great pleasure that we provide you with an update on the progress of this crucial initiative.

Over the past few weeks, both the Core and Auxiliary teams have engaged in fruitful discussions, and it is through this dialogue that we have developed a comprehensive project statement. The focus of our project is to promote a safe community standard that addresses the complexities of homelessness that affect the quality of life for all Topekans, while increasing the accessibility of housing and services.

Over the next 8 months, the Core Team will convene weekly to delve deeper into this issue. At this stage, our primary goal is to gain a profound understanding of the intricate dynamics surrounding homelessness. We have initiated the process of identifying key stakeholder groups that could play a pivotal role in supporting our initiative and ensuring its success. By doing so, we aim to build a solid foundation upon which we can build and move forward with confidence.

We appreciate your ongoing support for this initiative.