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As I have related before:

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Critical that a decision that will impact our community for years to come has community input. All stakeholders need to remain keenly aware of neighborhood concerns and act on those concerns.

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Shelters are not the solution for our housing crisis. We need to build affordable. The Bedford Union Armory represents a key opportunity to build 100% affordable and secure real affordable and low-income housing in our community.

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Affordable housing should not be living in a shelter. Affordable housing should not be traded off to finance a recreation center. Truly affordable housing can and should be union built. And importantly, truly affordable housing should be within reach of our community's residents - no one should be marginalized, displaced, or pushed out. We must pursue true affordable housing and uphold the common-sense values of our community.