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To Midland Planning Commission,

Ten16 Recovery Network extends its support to the relocation of the Open Door's shelter for women and children to 1610 W Carpenter Street here in Midland, and strongly encourage you to approve the request for a Conditional Use Permit.

We understand the barriers that are present with their current location in Homer Township. In 2019, Ten16 was before this committee with a very similar request. Our women's recovery house was located 4 miles from the City, on our residential campus. Since most of the women staying with us did not have their own personal transportation, getting into the city for their jobs and appointments was a tremendous challenge. It restricted their access to essential community resources, and we witnessed how it hindered their recovery. Being able to move into town has been a godsend for those that are staying there. And we have been able to demonstrate that we continue to be a good neighbor.

In the same manner, the women and children served by the Open Door need to have access to the wealth of Midland's resources, including access to treatment for a substance use disorder. Ten16's women's recovery house is not able to accommodate those with children, so have a safe environment when someone is in early recovery is critical. These are families that are in very vulnerable positions in their life, and we are thankful that the Open Door is there to care for them. This location could help move more quickly to safe, stable housing.

We whole heartedly endorse this endeavor and look forward to having them as a neighbor. If you have any questions, please contact me at 989-492-7905 or insert sprice@1016.org.

Sincerely,



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