



## **Fact Sheet**

### **The Gathering Inn Medical Respite Center**

- City of Lincoln elected officials and staff were made aware of the recent acquisition of a property at 1660 3<sup>rd</sup> Street by The Gathering Inn on August 14, 2024.
- The intended use of the 50-room facility (formerly Gladding Ridge) is a 60-bed medical respite center for individuals with a direct referral from a hospital.
- According to the National Institute for Medical Respite Care, a medical respite program is acute and post-acute care for people experiencing homelessness who are too ill or frail to recover from an illness or injury on the streets or in a shelter, but who do not require hospital level care.
- The City of Lincoln is deeply concerned by the total lack of transparency and communication surrounding the purchase by The Gathering Inn (TGI).
- TGI purchased the space utilizing grant funding from the Community Care Expansion (CCE) program. The CCE website can be found [here](#).
- The CCE program was established by Assembly Bill (AB) 172. CCE is part of a broader, statewide effort to expand the state's housing and care continuum, improve treatment outcomes, and prevent the cycle of homelessness.
- The grant, awarded to TGI in May 2023, is \$6,440,670 to create a medical respite project in Lincoln.
- At no point was the City of Lincoln notified that an application was submitted, or that the grant had been awarded.
- In addition, there is language in AB 172 making the project exempt from local control. The language is located in Chapter 20. Community Care Expansion Program. (see below)

(l) Any project that receives funds pursuant to this section shall be deemed consistent and in conformity with any applicable local plan, standard, or requirement, and any applicable coastal plan, local or otherwise, shall be allowed as a permitted use, within the zone in which the structure is located, shall not be subject to a conditional use permit, discretionary permit, or any other discretionary reviews or approvals, and shall be deemed as a ministerial action under Section 15268 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

(m) The state shall be immune from any liability resulting from the implementation of this chapter.

- The City is actively negotiating with TGI, Placer County officials, and other relevant parties to satisfy our concerns, including proximity to schools and community spaces, the



potential increase of unhoused individuals in Lincoln, and the complete lack of community outreach.

- The City is committed to ensuring that any development within Lincoln is conducted transparently and in the best interest of our community.