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**Subject:** Agenda item 23 19-0092 Homeless Shelter

I have concerns over the purchase of the building(s) on Atlantic slated for future use as a Homeless Shelter:

- (1) The \$9+ million price tag is an astronomical increase over the prior sales price of \$2 million paid in 2013. Is this the only property and best we can do with taxpayer \$ to serve an ever growing homeless need in our community?
- (2) I understand that certain state budgeted \$ have been made available to address this issue and fall under a 2019 state budget, which dollars must be "used/applied" by a certain date or forfeited. How did we manage to make our way down to the wire, with only one possible choice in the entire city?
- (3) There are added expenses required to make the building habitable for 125 homeless individuals and ongoing operational costs once the building is habitable. What is the source of funds to cover both these needs? Are there projected budgets available for review?

Please do not vote for this project without a more thorough review by Council.

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