



INDEPENDENCE

Oregon's Story Begins Here

April 9, 2024

DJ Vincent
Church at the Park

VIA: Email Only

Mr. Vincent,

Please accept this as a letter of support from the City of Independence. We care deeply for all members of our community, and we are supportive of addressing homelessness for our families, children, Veterans, and others with ties to our community.

We understand that rural homelessness is less visible than urban homelessness and often our police officers are the first responders when an unhoused individual or families need assistance. Our officers work closely with Polk County Family and Community Outreach to aid those struggling with homelessness find temporary/permanent stable housing and begin the process toward self-sufficiency. Importantly, we support the prevention of homelessness by supporting the work being done to keep those families in our community who are currently housed in their homes.

Sincerely,

John McArdle, Mayor