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My email is regarding the Flenniken Housing issue on the MPC agenda for this Thursday, June 11, 2009 MPC File No. 6-G-09-UR.

I must adamantly contest this issue for several reasons. I ask the MPC commissioners to seriously consider not only my reasons for objecting, but the community's as well.

The first issue I see with allowing Flenniken to house homeless individuals is the sheer number being proposed. Forty eight individuals with not only chronic housing issues but mental disabilities as well? This is simply way too many unstable individuals for one location. Another reason for my opposition is Flenniken is centrally located in what may already be considered an unstable community. There is residential housing, businesses, and more importantly elderly housing situated on the same plot of land directly beside of the Flenniken building. It is also less than a block from a dangerous highway, Chapman, and two other very busy streets, Martin Mill and Maryville Pikes. Picture the daily scenario outside of the mission on Broadway and then place that on either of these streets and it is a disaster waiting to happen.

Finally, I just feel this particular community simply cannot handle another strain such as this type of housing of such a large number of unstable, homeless individuals. This added pressure may be the breaking point instead of positive turning point for our community.

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