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To whom it may concern,

I will be out of town on Dec 2, 2024 and unable to attend the council meeting for the zoning proposal for Lincoln Lodge on Rittenhouse Rd., Vineland.

The information provided by the developer indicates the development is for “a new 31 bed home for special care”.

Lincoln Lodges website indicates that they are a “Community Home for Opportunity (CHO) home that is a government funded home for clients with mental disorders and special needs”.

According to CHO website, “CHO is a supportive housing program for people with serious mental illness”.

Eligibility for CHO program indicates, “ Adult residents of Ontario with serious mental illness. Priority can be given to those who are also experiencing/at risk of homelessness transitioning from hospital”.

Recognizing that homeless are a vulnerable group, so are the children who attend Twenty Valley Public School which is located 500.0m away.

The safety of children in every neighborhood should be front of mind and a primary concern of elected and appointed officials who sign off on these decisions.

While I do emphasize with homeless individuals, shelters for those with serious mental illness should not be built in close proximity to schools. These individuals who may or may not be on psychotropic drugs require supervision & monitoring. Who are they?

These individuals are seen wandering around the streets of Vineland. A better location would be where they could access social services, healthcare & social activities something not available in Vineland!

Best regards,  
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