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The Honorable Bruce Antone
District 46 Office
434 N. Tampa Avenue
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Dear Representative Antone:

Thank you for your letter of March 23, 2015, in which you expressed concerns over the Special Exception and Variance request by the Orlando Union Rescue Mission. This request is for a Residential Care Facility (Men's Center) for up to 150 guests and a variance for a reduction in required parking spaces. The location of the proposed use is on the south side of Old Winter Garden Road, west of John Young Parkway and comprises 6.15 acres.

As you are aware, the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) recommended denial of the application on March 5, 2015. According to the published public hearing synopsis, the BZA discussed many of the same issues referenced in your letter in reaching their final recommendation.

In terms of the current status of the request, the applicant has filed a timely appeal of the BZA denial and a public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for May 19, 2015.

Please feel free to contact my office directly or contact Mitch Gordon, Zoning Division Manager at 407-836-5896 for information regarding the upcoming hearing.

Sincerely,

Teresa Jacobs

cc: Mitch Gordon, Zoning Manager