



Chaska

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To Whom It May Concern,

Five Stars Recovery Center currently operates a campus at 1055 Stoughton Ave in Chaska. Prior to Five Stars occupying the campus, the block was in disrepair and the buildings were vacant. Over the last six years, Five Stars has improved the area not only by improving the physical look of the block, which was once a vandalized area, but also provided a valuable service to the community.

Five Stars mission is to help people suffering from chemical dependency and mental health problems. Five Stars Recovery Center is a welcomed service to the community of Chaska.

For several years, I personally lived near the property and did not find the center to be a burden on the community in any way. They worked with our planning department and built a building that was architecturally designed to be like the setting was back in the 1900's like the existing buildings around it. In all actuality, the center has done the opposite, and created a setting that has helped to improve our community as a whole. There never appeared to be conflicts with the neighbors and little impact on emergency services. Overall it was great project for the City of Chaska.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me, 612-237-4188.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mark Windschitl
City of Chaska



Chaska

May 22, 2017

City of Shakopee
Attn: Bill Reynolds
129 Holmes Street South
Shakopee, MN 55379

Dear Bill:

In a recent conversation with Jason Vanderscoff, he indicated that 5-Star Recovery was currently looking at doing a project in the City of Shakopee near the intersection of Highway 101 and Marshall Road. As part of their application process with your City, Jason felt it might be helpful if I share some experience the City of Chaska has had with 5-Stars Recovery in our community, as they have been a business in our community for several years. I said I would be happy to write something, as 5-Stars has been a great asset within our community, providing services that are greatly needed by those both living in and around Chaska.

As I mentioned previously, 5-Stars Recovery has been in the community for several years. Over that time, they have grown from owning a few single family homes throughout Chaska to help house those that are going through treatment, to creating an out-patient service center and office in our downtown area, to renovating historic properties in our community to create a full in-patient treatment facility. No matter where they have been, they have always made great efforts to be a great neighbor to those around them, while also reinvesting back into the properties they have purchased. On top of that, they have provided a needed service in our community by offering high quality drug and alcohol abuse recovery treatment that has allowed our residents to have a place in the community that helps them address some very real issues. By having this service right in the community, it has allowed these patients to stay connected to their family and friends during their treatment process, which we think has helped with their treatment outcomes.

Having sat through many public meetings in the past that have considered the addition of a treatment facility within a community, I understand that they sometimes are not the most popular things for residents to see built within a community, especially for those living closest to these facilities. 5-Stars has made it easy for Chaska to support them and their services because of the consistently good projects they have completed in our community. Often times, residents are not even aware of 5-Stars' services and facilities when they have residential units located within neighborhoods because they have taken special care to be good neighbors and keep their properties in good shape. When there are issues, they aggressively deal with them, and we find that the people living in their facilities often become socially connected within their neighborhoods. The City of Chaska has had good enough

experience with 5-Stars that we even rent them a City-owned historic mansion right on our City Square Park for a women's in-patient treatment program. They have been good stewards of this property, and we have never had a complaint about any issues with either the maintenance of this property or residents within it. We know that we can trust them to keep a high-quality project and follow through on what they say they will do.

For these reasons, it is easy for me to provide my support of 5-Stars as they look to expand their service territory into Scott County. They have been a great member of our community, and I am sure they would do the same in your community while also providing a very needed service to your residents.

If you should have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 952-227-7523. I would be happy to talk to you more about 5-Stars and the services they provide here in Chaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Podhradsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a stylized "P".

Matt Podhradsky
City Administrator