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Statement from the City of Manchester on the Proposed Relocation of the Goffstown Women's Prison

MANCHESTER, NH - - Officials of the City of Manchester released the following statement regarding the proposed relocation of the Goffstown Women's Prison to the Youth Detention Center on River Road in Manchester:

"I have grave concerns about the relocation of the Goffstown Women's Prison to the YDC site. This is a knee-jerk proposal that has been given no forethought with regards to the local residents or the city of Manchester. Further this move would represent a major change in policy. It has not been properly vetted and it's complete negligence not to consider the needs of the neighborhood; private residences border the property and an elementary school is within a very short walking distance," commented Mayor Ted Gatsas.

Alderman Joyce Craig (Ward 1) added, "I have spoken with the Governor's office and they are opposed to this move. They understand that this would undermine the integrity of the neighborhood and would severely impact the local residents. To make a change of this magnitude, to this property, would clearly undercut the YDC Masterplan that was adopted in 2006 with the full support of the neighborhood."

"The City of Manchester is prepared to fight this move," added Alderman At Large Mike Lopez. "Not only could it potentially change the landscape of this North End neighborhood but I would consider it a serious breach of trust between the City of Manchester and the State of New Hampshire," concluded At Large Aldermen and Ward 1 resident Dan O'Neil.

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