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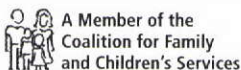
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Mayor Campbell and City Council Members
515 Clark Avenue
Ames, IA 50010

Dear Mayor Campbell and City Council Members:

On August 5, 2009, the City of Ames Planning and Zoning Commission considered and voted to recommend that the City Council adopt the changes to the design criteria for the steps to the west building entrance of our building at 420 Kellogg Avenue, as recommended by the Historic Preservation Commission. The first reading of this request was placed on the August 11 City Council agenda.

We are anxious to replace the existing steps as they are creating a safety issue and respectfully request that the City Council suspend the rules and place on the August 25 agenda for passing both the second and third reading at this time. There has been no descending comments from the public and by suspending the rules it would allow YSS to begin work 13 days earlier. We need to get the work started so that it can be completed prior to adverse weather and we are concerned about the safety of the stairs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

George Belitsos, CEO
Youth and Shelter Services, Inc.