



## **Relocation of Adult Homeless Shelter from 64 College Avenue to 89 College Avenue**

Please join Ward 6 Councilor Lance Davis, Neighbors, Somerville Homeless Coalition (SHC), and First Church Somerville (FCS) for an in-person neighborhood meeting.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 10th, 2024

**Time:** 6:30-8:00 PM

**Location:** Somerville Community Baptist Church - 31 College Avenue, Somerville, MA 02144

We look forward to hosting a discussion with community members and our partners about SHC's Adult Homeless Shelter relocation project and the timeline for the project's completion. Following remarks from project partners, we will reserve time for questions and answers.

For questions, please contact [info@shcinc.org](mailto:info@shcinc.org) or [office@firstchurchsomerville.org](mailto:office@firstchurchsomerville.org)

### **Key Facts about the shelter**

Somerville Homeless Coalition (SHC) has been committed to providing shelter and housing since 1985 to the unhoused population of Somerville. The shelter operations at 89 College Avenue will replicate the current shelter operations at 64 College Avenue, and are as follows:

- General overnight operational hours are 4 PM-8 AM, 7 days a week
- The program is supervised by skilled and dedicated SHC staff at all times during operational hours (when guests are present)
- The primary door for the shelter will be the left-hand side yellow door of FCS on College Ave
- There are 26 beds (16 existing beds with 10 additional beds)
- Trash Service is provided by a private waste management company
- Pest Control is provided by a private company (outside/inside) on a regular basis
- The shelter focuses on housing search and care management to support guests' transition out of shelter and into affordable housing within the community
- All guests are individual adults without children
- Guests are welcome to stay for the duration necessary to secure housing, with SHC accommodating their pace to uphold their dignity and respect
- Current and future guests are engaged in employment or utilizing additional supportive services, laying the groundwork for a smooth transition into affordable housing.