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Council President Eigerman and members of the City Council:

Much as already been presented regarding the wisdom of purchasing 57 Low Street; most succinctly outlined in today's paper. The City Council should consider this acquisition discreetly, on its merits, with a yet to be defined municipal use, unencumbered by another other issues.

As a separate issue, the authorization of a site selection committee to thoughtfully explore Low Street, as well as other sites for an appropriate and permanent home for NYS, is the necessary next step. Only then can a location, encompassing all the attributes necessary to continue to operate and grow these critical youth programs, be identified.

The breadth of the programs offered by NYS are critical to the development, safety and security and support of our City's youth and families. NYS deserves a home to support its mission.

Should the Council move to acquire Low Street, Newburyport Youth Services should continue to be considered as one of the potential occupants.

Thank you for your consideration.

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