

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS II
Office of the City Clerk

City Council of the City of Napa
Regular Meeting
February 4, 2020

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:

EVENING SESSION:

13. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Written communication from Elba and Maria received on 2/4/2020.

14. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEALS:

14.A. Heritage House/Valle Verde Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment and Project.

- Written Communication of Support from:
 - 1) Earle Craigie on 2/4/2020.
 - 2) Rev Linda Powers received on 2/4/2020.
 - 3) Kerry Ahearn received on 2/4/2020.
 - 4) Larry Kromann received on 2/4/2020.
 - 5) Alan Hagyard received on 02/4/2020.
 - 6) Michele Grupe received on 2/4/2020.
 - 7) John Stewart received on 2/4/2020.
 - 8) Alicia Hardy received on 2/4/2020.
 - 9) League of Women Voters of Napa County received on 2/4/2020.
- Written Communication of Opposition from:
 - 1) Rosemarie Vertullo received on 2/4/2020.
 - 2) Flyer from Rosemarie Vertullo received on 2/4/2020.
 - 3) Lisa Reifers and Sally Tiedemann received on 2/4/2020.
 - 4) Sue Hepple received on 2/4/2020.

ELBA

Good evening, Mayor Techel, Council Members and City Staff.

I am here representing a group of Latino members of the community. If they could please raise their hands.

We are members vested in the equitable boundary design of districts for Napa City Council Elections. We understand this important decision will require the Council to deliberate whether to keep the elections, from at-large or to change to by-district voting.

We see this as an opportunity for the City of Napa and the community to partner in creating an equitable process which engages underrepresented members of our community from various socio-economic backgrounds, ethnicity, geographic representation, and that is reflective of the diverse community that is the City of Napa.

We as Latino/a/x members, offer our support in these efforts. We would like to thank City of Napa Manager Steve Potter and staff for meetings with us and listening to our recommendations and perspectives.

MARIA

We are here to formally and respectfully request that the Council consider the following in preparation for an inclusive and effective hearings pre- and post-map drafting, if this is the path the council takes next week.

- We encourage the Council to consider a demographer that holds equity as the central guiding value in identifying the “community of interest” for redistricting and taking into consideration the community input in making the important decision of selecting the right person.
- We encourage you to partner with community members in hosting an informational meeting that will educate Napa Residents on the process and the implication of by-district voting.
- We also encourage you to ask for an extension from the 90 days of the initial notification giving more time to engage the community and ensure that it is built upon the foundations of the values of our community.

We appreciate your consideration and we thank for your leadership.

THANK YOU

Heritage House

I am not apposed to the planned residents except for the No Place Like Home portion.

Concerns with having No Place Like Home (NPLH) residents:

- **They have to be severely mentally ill which can include symptoms of violence or psychosis.**
They are in need of mental health services.
 - They can refuse treatment.
 - They do not have to maintain sobriety nor be drug free. They can refuse drug testing.
 - They will be housed in the same building with non NPLH residents (possibly including children).
 - Some rehabilitation services will be provided on site, but some services like those offered by Ole Health are not near the location. Such services are a long/timely ride away if they need to get there by bus.
 - Food stores and bus stops are further away than required by the guidelines.
 - Without cars, they will have problems having to walk in the cold, hot, and rainy weather to access food and buses.
- **They will be located in a very residential area.**
 - The location is across the street from Section 8 housing servicing many families with children.
 - The location is beside a walking path.
 - Children pass right by the Heritage House on their way to school.
 - The location is fairly close to the Little League field, Vintage High School, and the new proposed Garfield Park at the end of Villa Lane.
- **EIR concerns** from a technical expert hired by the Southeast Vintage Neighborhood Association to evaluate the project were not properly addressed.
- **Don't build the new additional structure there. That will help address some of the EIR concerns. Put the NPLH residents in another location possibly in a new structure.** It can be nearer services and further away from family residents (e.g. Napa State Hospital grounds, near the Gasser complex, or another location not residential and closer to services).
- My biggest concern is that **they can leave the property without supervision any time 24x7.** Because of their severe mental illness and possible refusal for treatment, this is a very frightening and dangerous environment for the residential community to live in.

Earle Craigie



Evening ALL

I am the Rev Linda Powers, currently the pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church on Salvador. In 1998, I moved to Napa and long before my ordination to ministry, I began working with the homeless. I eventually was ordained as the chaplain of VOICES and subsequently ~~to that~~ became the program director for all the homeless services: HOPE Center, SNS, Family

I share this piece of my resume with you only to indicate my intimate relationship with the homeless of our city. ~~I won't waste time speaking of our need for housing in Napa, because you are among the leaders of our city and are well aware of that need. Instead I want to specifically share why I feel that Valle Verde is a break through strategy in providing the kind of housing we need and haven't really experienced before.~~

It only takes a matter of days on the street for survival to become the number one focus. Every day is occupied with finding ways to meet just the basic human needs. When those days turn into weeks, months and God forbid years, it becomes a permanent way of life. You can imagine the human deterioration that occurs. Historically, cities often focus on just getting the homeless off the street, but what they most often create are tenants that are unprepared to make a successful transition out of homelessness. The deeper they have existed in homelessness, the harder it is to come out of. And that is why I am excited about the new model of ~~Valle Verde~~. *This project*

The transition from homelessness is like someone who has been raised in the wilderness, and now must come into a demanding world that requires them to totally change their way of being. Without transitional support – support of folks that are right there to check in with, or folks to reach out when there is a need, it is inevitable that a human being will revert back to what is easy and familiar. Even the folks that are in sound body, mind and spirit find the transition ~~oppressing and~~ overwhelming. It becomes easier ^{to} give up than to keep on trying. This is what our neighbors are so understandably concerned about.

support
The difference in Valle Verde ^{*this project*} is that it is designed not only to provide the support, but to provide it where the tenants live. Many folks fail just because they cannot navigate to places where they can find the support they need. The ~~Valle Verde~~ staff are designed to walk the tenants out of the jungle of homelessness, and back into a healthy place to live where they no longer have to worry about **how** they will survive, but instead, survive to be all they can be. I have seen these miracles happen, so I know what a safe supportive place to live can do. If done properly it can nullify most of the fears people have, and most importantly, guarantee an enormous amount of success. I pray that you will positively support this project. It can be the model for many more to come. Thank you

Good evening

Dear Mayor Techel and Members of Napa City Council.

My name is Kerry Ahearn, CEO of Aldea Children and Family Services. *and a resident of Napa, the city of Napa.*

Aldea is the essential community partner for children and families in crisis in Napa County.

Every day, our expert team walks with young people and their families on their journey to healing, providing the care that brings both short term comfort and long-term resilience.

Because, with a community of support, families discover their own ability to create a new life, one moment at a time.

Heritage House

Aldea supports the Valle Verde Project. This project will serve many individuals and families, some of whom have a mental illness and some who just can't afford to live in Napa County any

longer. By ^{Adding} adding 66 affordable homes for individuals and 24 homes for families earning or below 60% of the area median income. ^{Is good for} ~~Napa County~~ ^{our community}

Access to quality, affordable housing helps create a stable environment for children by reducing frequent family moves. Research shows that affordable housing can reduce the likelihood that a low-income, at-risk family becomes homeless.

A new report from the Public and Affordable Housing Research Corporation shows low-income students in affordable housing have fewer absences than their peers, and cites evidence showing stable, affordable housing can help children improve school performance.

I urge the council to support the Valle Verde ^{Heritage House} project. ^{And introduce Randi}

^{Storm}, an Aldea Clinical Director who ^{se} worked in our community for 34 years

Valla Verde-Heritage House Project

My name is Larry Kromann and I serve as president/ceo of Calistoga Affordable Housing. I also served as part of the 2008-9 U.S. Census Quality Control team with one of my assignments being the documentation of Napa's homeless population. I am here today to support the Valle Verde – Heritage House project.

The reasons for CAH support:

- Regarding my experience on documentation of Napa's homeless population, my findings indicated that it is quite challenging to find and document the Napa homeless because so many didn't follow the normal pattern of living under a bridge, or hedges, or other nocks and crannies around the downtown area. Many of the very elderly homeless live in their vehicles because there isn't sufficient or affordable housing available.
- Over the past 15 yrs. of developing housing for low income families in Napa Valley, our experience is that surrounding property values actually increase and do not decrease existing property values, because well designed housing projects add value to the local community. After reviewing the Valle Verde-Heritage House project, we would expect the surrounding property values to increase due to the site improvements. A review of past local projects by Gasser and/or Burbank Housing demonstrates their ability to "get the job done" in a very responsible manner.
- CAH has direct experience with the Burbank Housing management and our observations are their expertise in management will also add value to site's value as well as the surrounding properties.
- The Gasser Foundation is to be commended for its wise usage of "No Place Like Home" funding program. Though the program does allow tenants with past history of mental illnesses or harmful life styles be able to be tenants without requiring enrollment in treatment programs, it does allow management to consider the merits of each potential tenant regarding what is a good fit for the tenant as well as the community using lawful and reasonable criteria. Burbank has excellent management experience and procedures.

- The Gasser and Burbank team works very closely with local social service agencies and non-profits, who deal with homeless and mental illness situations, to meet the requirements of HCD policies as well as provide a safe environment for the local community.
- It is a challenge finding suitable locations for low income housing and/or No Place Like Home programs. The Valle Verde site is close to community services, isolated on two sides with natural barriers with a semi-rural atmosphere, and yet with easy access.

My last point is that the City of Napa is very fortunate to have a large pool of foundations and non profits who help find solutions to our city's problems. And the Valle Verde -Heritage project is one of those solutions. The Gasser/ Burbank Team will do an excellent job in providing a very needed project.

Google search "no place like home" program California

California Department of Housing and Community Development

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From: Alan Hagyard**

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<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/nplh.shtml#background>

Adults with serious mental illness, or children with severe emotional disorders and their families and **persons who require or are at risk of requiring acute psychiatric inpatient care, residential treatment, or outpatient crisis intervention because of a mental disorder with symptoms of psychosis, suicidality or violence** and who are homeless, chronically homeless, or at risk of chronic homelessness.

At risk of chronic homelessness includes persons who are at high risk of long-term or intermittent homelessness, including persons with mental illness exiting institutionalized settings with a history of homelessness prior to institutionalization, and transition age youth experiencing homelessness or with significant barriers to housing stability.

Daily Californian (covers the city of Berkeley)

<https://www.dailycal.org/2019/11/24/no-place-like-home-program-addresses-affordable-housing-issues/>

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019

No Place Like Home program addresses affordable housing issues

The California Health Facilities Financing Authority recently announced the sale of \$500 million in revenue bonds to fund the No Place Like Home, or NPLH, program.

The program, operated by the California Department of Housing and Community Development, or HCD, was enacted in 2016 by former state governor Jerry Brown. According to the HCD website, the program dedicated nearly \$2 billion to develop permanent supportive housing for individuals who are homeless or live with mental illnesses.

"The No Place Like Home Program (NPLH) provides funding and tools that allow the California Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) to address affordability issues associated with **creating housing units that are specifically set aside for persons with serious mental illness who are chronically homeless, homeless, or at-risk of being chronically homeless,**" the NPLH program guidelines said.

Note: this is an article about the Berkeley Way Project which is one block off of Shattuck Ave which is a major commercial street in Berkeley

Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health

<https://www.rcdmh.org/Administration/NPLH>

Population to be Served

Permanent supportive housing is intended to be provided to adults with serious mental illness, or children with severe emotional disorders and their families and persons who require or are at risk of requiring acute psychiatric inpatient care, residential treatment, or outpatient crisis intervention because of a mental disorder with symptoms of psychosis, suicidality or violence and who are homeless, chronically homeless, or at risk of chronic homelessness.

At risk of chronic homelessness includes persons who are at high risk of long-term or intermittent homelessness, including persons with mental illness exiting institutionalized settings, transition age youth experiencing homelessness or with significant barriers to housing stability.

California State Association of Counties – No Place Like Home Reader's Guide

https://www.counties.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/no_place_like_home_readers_guide_nov_2016.pdf

Counties which apply must meet the following minimum criteria: - The county commits to provide mental health supportive services, including substance use treatment services, to the tenants of the supportive housing development for at least 20 years. - **Services shall be provided onsite at the supportive housing development or in a location otherwise easily accessible to tenants.** 20 year commitment to provide services was inserted to strengthen the tie between the bonds and the use of the bond funds at the local level.

Requires services to be **accessible** to permanent supportive housing tenants. The Senate originally wanted to strictly require onsite services.

14.A
SUPP II
michele Grupe

Michele Grupe, Executive Director of Cope Family Center, a \$2.8M business that employs 28 people serving over 1,200 Napers annually. I reside in downtown Napa with my son and husband. I'd like to share my support for the Heritage House and Valle Verde projects as a homeowner, business leader, and service provider for some of our most marginalized community members.

want to live in a community that

- As a homeowner, I ~~understand the importance~~ of ensuring housing for those at all income levels to support our economic vitality, workforce stability, and community health.
- As an employer, it is getting increasingly difficult to attract and retain employees whose incomes fall into the lower ranges, compounded by low housing stock and high housing costs. In fact, according to the 2017 report, **CREATING COMMUNITY: Napa county nonprofits at work**, 65% of nonprofit executives surveyed believe that limited access to local, affordable housing makes hiring staff challenging. Valle Verde's family apartment complex would be affordable to families earning between \$32,000 and \$60,000 a year or about \$15.00 to \$30.00 an hour. This is the income range for many of Cope's employee AND some of the families we work with.
- As a provider of family support services: Cope Family Center has a 48-year history of empowering our community's most marginalized children and families. Approximately 35% of the 1,200 families we work with annually are at risk of homelessness or are homeless. Just one example of a family that needs housing – over the last six months, Cope staff has been working with a mother of two young children, who is in recovery, despite remaining with a partner who physically and mentally abuses her. She has a history of involvement with Child Welfare Services. Every day, she has to make a decision
 - staying in an abusive relationship, or
 - leave, become homeless, risk losing custody of her children and her work toward living a sober life.

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We work closely with our partners at NEWS and other CBOs. There simply is not enough housing to accommodate the needs in our community. Heritage House is a perfect example of a resource that could ensure that this mother has a safe place for her and her children to live.

On behalf of my family, my staff and the children and clients served by Cope Family Center, I encourage the City Council to approve the development of this much needed housing.

To Whom it May Concern,

12/02/2019

My name is Leif D. I was housed through Abode's Permanent Supportive Housing Program in March of 2019.

About 16 years ago, my wife and the mother of my children was murdered in Napa. At the time I was working as a pipe layer with the union in refineries in the East Bay. I had 2 very young children at the time. My son was 4 and my daughter only 1. I needed help with my kids, so I moved in with my mother in Napa.

My mother passed away in 2012. Her home was sold and I had to move out. My kids went to stay with a family friend and I became homeless. I was homeless on the streets of Napa for a year and half. Sleeping in a tent by Home Depot, under the bridge by South Napa, and wherever I wouldn't get wet.

In 2014 I received a FUP voucher through Napa county to reunify with my children. I worked hard to find a unit to accept me, but then the Napa Earthquake hit. I ended up losing the voucher because I could not find a place to rent before it expired. I was still on the streets. I was able to finally get a bed at the Napa Shelter in late 2014. I stayed there for the 6 months allowed and went from the streets, to Winter shelter for the next couple years.

In 2017 I suffered a major stroke. I was in the hospital and skilled nursing facilities for 8 months learning to walk and talk again. I still suffer from speech problems to this day. Also in 2017, I broke my left leg. I have been in and out of the hospital and skilled nursing facilities for the past 3 years with infections and wound care related to my foot not healing correctly from being on the streets. I left the skilled nursing facility in Napa in March when I moved in to my new apartment. I have only had to be back once.

I am now starting to feel like I am getting healthy. I have recently become a vegetarian. I have lost 35 pounds in the last couple of months and am walking and working out daily. I have been learning to budget, and have been paying my portion of rent on time, and mostly early every month. I use the weekly case management to my advantage, and work on improving my situation daily.

I don't know where I would be without Abode, probably dead. I can't imagine being in the streets ever again. I will do anything to keep my housing.

Alicia Hardy

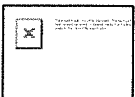
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Talking points for city council meeting

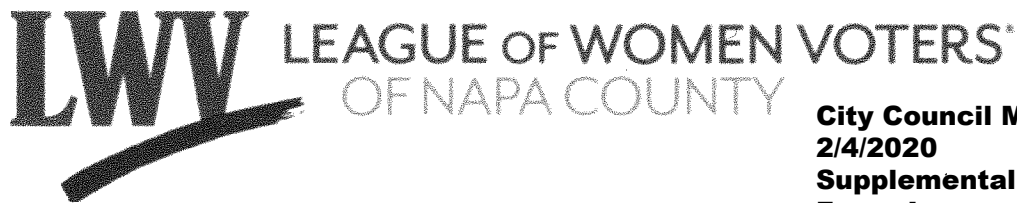
Good evening, my name is Alicia Hardy, I am the CEO of OLE Health. I am here tonight to support Valle Verde and Heritage House projects as critical resources for our community. When it comes to healthcare and improving someone's health overall, the single most impactful thing you can do for another human being is to provide them with affordable housing. At OLE Health, the majority of our community members who are homeless or at risk of homelessness are our patients. One of our family physicians, Dr. Jen Wilson, provides medical care at the South Shelter and has been every week for the past 10 years. Last year alone we served over 200 unique patients in the shelter and over 1,000 homeless patients across all 7 of our sites. Many of the patients she serves are living with chronic conditions, suffer from depression, anxiety or another mental health conditions, have difficulty engaging in regular health care or accessing prescription medications. She shared the story of one of her patients who has been coming to OLE for over 20 years, living in chronic pain due to a neck injury which resulted in partial paralysis on the right side of his body. Living on the streets he was assaulted and harassed due to his disability and began using substances to numb his mood and alleviate his fear. Year after year Dr. Jen provided health care intermittently but like many of our homeless patients, consistency was a challenge, his health did not improve. Until he was given a chance at housing. This patient was selected from the lottery for the Stoddard West apartments. Since moving into the apartment in November he has been engaged in regular health care, reports a reduction in pain, is no longer using substances, and his mood is stable. Without this opportunity, without an option for housing, this patient would still be living on our streets with no hope of improving his physical or mental health or quality of life. This is not a unique story. 8 out of 10 people experiencing homelessness have a chronic health condition that is unlikely to improve without stable housing - those conditions include musculoskeletal disorders, chronic pain, hunger and malnutrition, skin and foot problems, dental issues, respiratory illness, mental health conditions and infectious disease.

In addition to the patients we serve, affordable housing is an issue for our staff at all income levels. Our ability to recruit and retain doctors, nurses and other health care workers to serve the 37,000 patients is one of our biggest challenges. As a non-profit, we do our best to offer competitive compensation, but even our highest paid employees struggle to maintain the high cost of living in Napa. Over the past year we have lost 5 family providers and one psychiatric nurse practitioner who have either relocated to lesser expensive areas or accepted offers for much higher compensation. For many of our employees whose incomes fall into the lower pay range, living in Napa isn't even an option. We now have almost half of our 260 staff members living outside of Napa due to the lack of affordable housing.

Our community needs Valle Verde and the Heritage House to prevent families from becoming homeless and to help the formerly homeless get off the streets and stay healthy. These projects create a healthier environment for our entire community. OLE Health will continue to care for the most vulnerable, and again, the most impactful health care interventions we can offer is to provide stable and affordable housing for every member of our community. Thank you.



Alicia Hardy
Chief Executive Officer
Phone: 707.266.5740



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**City Council Meeting
2/4/2020
Supplemental II - 14.A.
From: League of Women Voters
of Napa County**

February 4, 2020

To: Napa City Council:

Speaking for the League of Women Voters Napa County, we urge you to approve the Heritage House and Valle Verde Project. The League has a long tradition of supporting policies and programs that meet basic human needs such as a suitable living environment for every person and family. Napa is very fortunate to have the Gasser Foundation's generous donation of the Sunrise Assisted Living property to provide critically needed affordable housing. The Sunrise Building is well suited for conversion into 66 studio apartments. Thirty-three of these are earmarked for members of the community who have experienced homelessness.

In Napa County, our low to no-income population has difficulty finding safe, affordable places to call home as attempts to locate earmarked housing often draws objections from nearby homeowners. To set the community at ease, we would like to point out that the Heritage House project has many positive attributes, including 24/7 on site supportive staff to offer resident-renters the stability they need. Prior to moving in, new renters will undergo safeguarding procedures including a criminal background check and mental health evaluation to determine if they have the capability to live independently.

Residents will enter into lease agreements and be required to follow community rules. Adobe Services, the prospective project manager, reports that 95% of residents in supportive housing abide by the above requirements. We should bear in mind that a large percentage of this community is woven into the fabric of Napa and have lived in our community for 10 to 20 years.

We commend the Napa City Council for diligently working on affordable housing and their continued commitment. The League is encouraged by the number of units completed, in the process or on the drawing boards for low to moderate income individuals and families... We believe this project should be part of the solution to address homelessness. Thank you.

Veda Florez, President, LWV of Napa County
Joyce Kingery, Action Chair, LWV of Napa County

February 4, 2020
Public Comment to Napa City Council
Rosemarie Vertullo
[REDACTED]

Southeast Vintage Neighborhood Association Chairperson
P.O. Box 3034
Napa CA 94558

I am speaking for myself and as a representative of the Southeast Vintage Neighborhood Association. First, we want to thank the mayor and the city council for the individual meetings they had with us to hear our concerns about the Heritage House project.

I and others of our neighborhood association have spoken at several city council and planning commission meetings. We have submitted over 400 letters to the planning commission and city council that are in opposition to this project as well. We have voiced our very legitimate objections. These objections are many and have to do with the success of the project, the impact on the environment, and the safety of the surrounding neighborhood.

We want to emphasize that we support the Sunrise property being used for low-income housing, low-income senior housing, Section 8 housing, or workforce housing. We oppose the 33 No Place Like Home SRO units which is part of this project. We recognize and we stress that we support our community in caring for the homeless. It is equally important and a responsibility for you, as our city leaders and government, to assure protection from harm to residents, families, children, elderly people, and businesses in this neighborhood. It is also your responsibility to enter into programs for homeless people that are set up for success.

No Place Like Home is a new program that has not been in existence for very long. It has never been implemented in Napa either. There is no evidence that it is going to be successful.

This location is not convenient to the needed services of the tenants of the No Place Like Home Program. There are other locations in the city that would be more conducive to this housing project and that would be closer to services that the residents need.

One of the stipulations of NPLH is that the residents can refuse treatment. These services will be critical to the success of residents and the travel time and location will create a barrier to their access to these services. Drug and alcohol rehabilitation, like those offered by Ole Health, are referred to the county. These services are at Napa Valley Corporate Drive which is a 45-minute bus ride with 12 stops.

Again, and I emphasize that we are not objecting to the 33 units dedicated to low-income housing. We object to the 33 units which are dedicated to No Place Like Home.

We appeal to your sense of responsibility to our community and request that you vote on the Heritage House Project without the No Place Like Home units and instead dedicate the those units for low-income and very low income housing, low-income and very low-income senior housing, Section 8 housing, or workforce housing.

The Southeast Vintage Neighborhood Association supports Heritage House Project **but opposes the 33 “No Place Like Home” (NPLH) SRO units**

Requirements of NPLH Eligible persons:

- “Adults with **serious mental illness...and persons who require or are at risk of requiring acute psychiatric inpatient care, residential treatment, or outpatient crisis intervention because of a mental disorder with symptoms of psychosis...or violence, persons with mental illness exiting institutionalized settings with a history of homelessness prior to institutionalization....”**
- Eligible persons can refuse treatment and drug testing
- There are NO sobriety requirements
- There are NO requirements to remain drug-free
- Residents will be free to leave Heritage House with no supervision at any time presenting a **potential safety issue to the surrounding community, which consists of residents, elderly, children, families, Little Leaguers, high-school teens who walk to Vintage High School, and many others**

Hello City Council Members,

My name is Lisa Reifers and this is my mom Sally Tiedemann. We live at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

We are here tonight to share our feelings about the proposed Heritage House/Valle Verde project site that is just half a block from our door step.

Although we are in support of the working low-income housing projects and outreach programs for the homeless, we do have some very strong concerns about the "No Place Like Home" portion of the Gasser project.

There are certain criteria people must meet to qualify for this program. "Adults with serious mental illness and persons who require or are at risk of requiring acute psychiatric inpatient care, residential treatment, or outpatient crisis intervention because of a mental disorder with symptoms of psychosis or violence"

That is a very scary qualification to put in the middle of a residential neighborhood full of children and seniors.

In addition to that, the residents Do Not have to maintain sobriety or be drug free.

And, they can refuse the treatment that qualified them to be in the program in the first place. From my understanding, with no consequences.

I would like to tell you the definition of Enabling. Enabling means that someone else will always fix, solve, or make the consequences go away.

Do we, as a city, really want to help? Or just keep enabling those who need it most.

In my opinion, the residents who qualify for this program need to be close to treatment centers that are equipped and staffed to handle their needs. Not a 45 minute bus ride away. People are more apt to seek help if it is readily available. Serious mental illness and addiction of any kind, do not mix well.

There is a web site on line, <https://www.dsh.ca.gov>Napa>, about How the State Hospital has developed a partnership with various community based

organizations and currently leases several buildings to support community and mental health services on the grounds.

We want to be a part of the solution, but we also want to feel safe stepping out our own front door to go for a walk.

Thank you for your time,

Lisa and Sally

2/4/20

P.S. How about using The Sunrise building for the low-income senior population that is increasing daily, or kids aging out foster care? They need a place to go too.

Sue Hepple

My name is Sue, and I live in the Shelter Creek Condominium complex next door to the Sunrise Building, the planned location of Heritage House.

I am opposed to this project for several reasons:

- In the summer of 2018 many people attended a meeting at Silverado Creek to learn about the proposed project for the Sunrise Building. The information presented to us at that meeting was the project would be managed by Abode; and included on-site supervision & support for the tenants. They could not have a history of criminal felony behavior & they would be required to maintain sobriety.

The project changed in January, 2019 when the Gasser Foundation applied & received a grant of \$7.9 through a state grant called No Place Like Home. Money certainly changed everything. Now permanent tenants can have acute psychiatric issues, can be in recovery from drug & alcohol addiction. But they don't have to continue their recovery programs. I see this as a bait & switch.

- Recently I learned of a new bait & switch program. Meetings are being held at various local churches for a published reason. Then after the meeting begins the topic switches to our city's homeless situation and the Heritage House.

How are we who oppose this project supposed to trust you?

- Neighborhood safety is a serious concern. At one meeting a resident from Silverado Creek voiced her concern regarding her daughter's fear of playing outside because a certain man was seen loitering in the neighborhood. The police officer at the meeting acknowledged knowledge of this man but he hadn't done anything wrong yet. How will the police protect us if one of the Heritage House tenants has a psychotic episode,

Sue Depple

for example. We're told to call the police. What shall we do while we wait for 20 minutes for them to come?

We are being encouraged to give this program a chance., and we want the tenants to succeed. But what if the promise of permanent housing is not combined with enforced continuation of their recovery programs is not enough? What then? Services will be limited to 8 or so hours a day & our police protection is already limited. The unintended consequences have not been thought through thoroughly enough.

Thank you

**SURELY THIS GRANT MONEY COULD BE REAPPLIED TO A MORE
SUITABLE LOCATION THAT WOULD ENSURE SUCCESS FOR THE PEOPLE
WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM NPLH**

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