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Subject: FW: Gasser - Valle Verde - Sunrise Building Project

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Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 5:17 PM

To: Morris, Erin <emorris@cityofnapa.org>

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Ms. Morris,

Please see the below email that I sent to the City Council members earlier today regarding the proposed Gasser Foundation Sunrise Building Project on Valle Verde.

Please share the below email with the Planning Commission members so that they can also be made aware of the very real concerns of the neighbors whose lives will be completely disrupted by this proposed use of the property.

Thank you,

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Dear Council Members,

I am begging you to please reconsider the scope of the proposed redevelopment plan for the old Sunrise Building on Valle Verde. The full scope of the proposed plan has a substantial risk of destroying a community and neighborhood that is home to a great deal of families, many with very young children, and hard working community members that are the foundation of our wonderful town and valley.

I want to make it clear that I do not oppose the affordable housing portion of this project. We need more affordable housing in this community and this is a wonderful neighborhood for more families and hard working community members to be able to call home. The walking paths, green spaces, and abundance of families here is the ideal environment for those looking for a community to raise their children in a neighborhood where they can still ride their bikes outside and where neighbors wave to, and watch out for, each other. I am also not opposed to opening the remaining 33 single occupancy units to homeless families, seniors, and/or young adults transitioning out of foster care, provided adequate and effective services can be provided to truly help those populations as they deserve.

I am very opposed to the No Place Like Home (NPLH) portion of the project and specifically that the program will bring into this community persons with severe mental illness, emotional distress, mental disorders with symptoms of

psychosis, suicidality, and violence, chronically homeless, sex offenders, and those with alcohol and drug addiction problems so severe that they are no longer able to function in society without supportive housing. In addition, those living there under this program do not have any requirements of sobriety, participation in services or treatments, or time limits for how long they can stay in the housing. A person cannot be evicted due to their drug and alcohol use and there is no effective plan to protect the residents and families who already call this area home. This is not a population that should be intentionally placed into a vibrant community centered around families.

As someone who routinely walks the neighborhood with my daughter, this proposed project will strip away all sense of safety and deny me, and my family and neighbors, one of the best aspects of our community. If you visit this neighborhood at almost any time of day, you will see neighbors out walking their dogs, pushing their strollers, and letting their children ride their bikes along the trails. There are frequently children outside playing with balls, chasing each other in games of tag, and generally spending time outside as they should be doing. However, if this population is allowed to be placed in the middle of our neighborhood, it will no longer be a safe place for children to play outside or residents to freely walk the paths and utilize the greenspaces.

If this population is allowed to move into the neighborhood, the risk of potential, unintended, confrontations with unstable or drug fueled persons increases exponentially. And I do not want to raise my family in a neighborhood where I have to fear for my and my neighbors' safety, worry if I hear footsteps behind me, and am forced to take my daughter to other areas of Napa to play because it is no longer safe for her to play in her own neighborhood.

Furthermore, decisions that are so critical to the safety of a family oriented community should not be made based solely on where the funding comes from. It is unconscionable that a local foundation, that is highly regarded in Napa Valley, would risk destroying a vibrant and safe neighborhood in Napa in order to secure funding for their project. And there has to be another option.

Again, I beg you to please protect the communities that you serve and do not allow the No Place Like Home project to go forward. Please protect our Napa families, children, and hardworking residents. Please protect the beautiful and safe community that we all know and love.

Thank you,
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