

My name is Nancy Henry and I live at 91 Summerbrooke Circle. I'm here to voice my opposition to the proposed Heritage House project. I'm a retired teacher and a grandmother and I'm speaking on behalf of the children who live or play near the Heritage House project.

According to the state website, the <sup>target</sup> population to be served in the No Place Like Home housing units are: <sup>38</sup>

**"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"** . This includes **"persons with mental illness exiting institutionalized settings with a history of homelessness prior to institutionalization..."**

The No Place Like Home program requires that sponsors shall accept tenants **"regardless of sobriety, participation in services or treatment [or] history of incarceration"** and that **"tenants shall not be required to maintain sobriety, be tested for substances, or participate in services or treatment."**

The proposal would have 38 of the 66 units designated for adults meeting this criteria.

As for nearby children, the proposed project would also include a new three-story multi-family apartment building comprising 24-units for extra low-income family housing. If only two children reside in each unit there could be nearly 50 children living right next door to the residents of Heritage House.

Immediately adjacent to and across the street from Heritage House are the Shelter Creek condominiums, currently home to 40-50 children according to the condo president.

Across the street from Heritage House are the Silverado Creek apartments. Management there estimates 125 children live in their complex.

Three blocks away is Garfield Park, home to Napa Little League. Most children arrive with their parents but players in the 10-12 year old age group often ride their bikes to games and practices, and most parents, based on my observations at ball games, appear comfortable with their children out of their sight on the nearby playground or down by the creek.

Add to this the fact that the Heritage House project is at the end of a dead-end road and adjacent to a wilderness area and walking path which borders the creek. With dense shrubbery and a creekside that's hidden from view, Heritage House residents would be just feet away from a topography that prevents monitoring or observation once they are off-site.

I urge you to reconsider placing adults who meet the previously described criteria in such close proximity to all of these children. The safety and welfare of the children should be your #1 priority and housing for this at-risk population of acutely challenged adults should be found elsewhere.