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To: <u>Natalie Noyes; Kathy Pease</u>

**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed Heritage House development **Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 5:56:58 PM

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**Cc:** Rosemarie Vertullo <sevna2345@gmail.com> **Subject:** Proposed Heritage House development

[EXTERNAL]

Dear City Planners,

I am very concerned about this proposed development and would like to share with you the reasons for my concern.

I have lived in this neighborhood for 20 years and I walk almost every morning thru this proposed site. In the last several years I've seen an increase in used needles and other drug paraphernalia. In addition there have been several tents and camping supplies in the bushes by the creek. The City has been slow to respond to picking these things up and clearing out the camps. I can only imagine how these issues will get worse once the project is built. My understanding that this project is to house the chronically mentally ill and severe addiction to drugs, homeless people. There will be little to no supervision and there will be an open door policy most of the time. People can openly use drugs. My experience of living in San Francisco, is that facilities like these attract many more people than the ones that will live there. Thus most likely, open drug use and more tents etc. This neighborhood is not set up to accommodate this influx of people. There are not any health clinics nearby. There are not any services in place to help with mental illness or addiction. Children currently play and ride their bicycles around the open area. This will no longer be an area safe for them. A facility like this should be built where there are health services in place.

In addition to these concerns, I feel that building this project so close to Salvador Creek will be detrimental to the integrity of the banks of the creek and the bridges that cross the creek. During heavy rains the creek has overflowed. I would think that a new building that will be so close to the creek could weaken the stability of the creek. I also am appalled that 40 trees will be cut down, where will all the birds and animals go once their habitat is destroyed?

Please consider this issues and do not approve this project at this location. Sincerely,

Patricia Medin