

Dear Planning Commission, Jill Techel, Scott Sedgley, Mary Luros, Doris Gentry, Liz Alessio;

After attending the Environmental Study meeting the other night, I am astounded that this project would even be considered placed in a neighborhood that has families, children, elderly and good Napa citizens living within a stone's throw of this proposed project. Listening to the residents (myself included) speak to the ridiculous plan for this was unbelievable. The two people that planned to buy homes in the neighborhood lately when moving to Napa had pulled their offers as a result. What in the world would possess you even for the significant amount of funding you received to make such a decision. The question is **"Would you put this in your neighborhood". We all know the answer is NO.**

Additionally, the city as was mentioned at the meeting has empty buildings closer to assistance for this project that could be used as well as the Napa State Hospital's empty buildings that by the way would have personnel to manage it. Such a ridiculous thing that we have to even fight this in a city that we are residents in and pay taxes to live in.

Attached is my letter of objection I would think that above all things, even for this funding, you would consider this an outrageous decision to even consider placing this in a neighborhood where family safety and risk factors would by all means be dangerous.

Sincerely,

Linda Chastain

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would any of you put this  
in your neighborhood?  
I doubt it! Shameful &  
Disrespecting

Re: Heritage House-City Project File No. PL17-0114

Dear Members of the Planning Commission

As a resident of the South East Vintage neighborhood, **I STRONGLY OPPOSE** the plans of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, Napa City Council and the Gasser Foundation's plans to convert the abandoned Sunrise Assisted Living facility at the end of Valle Verde to become a residence for persons at high-risk of long term or intermittent homelessness as defined by the *No Place Like Home Program*. The basis for my opposition is that if approved, this project is inconsistent with current "uses" and would negative impact the quality of life for those who live and/or work in the area.

As you know this facility is intended to provide a permanent housing solution for adults or older adults with a "Serious Mental Disorder" or "Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Children or Adolescents" who meet one or more of the criteria below.

1. Persons exiting institutionalized settings, such as jail or prison, hospitals, institutes of mental disease, nursing facilities, or long-term residential substance use disorder treatment, who were Homeless prior to admission to the institutional setting;
2. Transition-Age Youth experiencing homelessness or with significant barriers to housing stability, including, but not limited to, one or more evictions or episodes of homelessness, and a history of foster care or involvement with the juvenile justice system; and others as set forth below.
3. Persons, including Transition-Age Youth, who prior to entering into one of the facilities or types of institutional care listed herein had a history of being Homeless: a state hospital, hospital behavioral health unit, hospital emergency room, institute for mental disease, psychiatric health facility, mental health rehabilitation center, skilled nursing facility, developmental center, residential treatment program, residential care facility, community crisis center, board and care facility, prison, parole, jail or juvenile detention facility, or foster care.

While supportive services such as mental health care, crisis counseling, individual and/or group therapy are a required to be provided by the No Place Like Home Grant Program, **THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT THAT THESE SERVICES BE PROVIDED ONSITE OR FOR RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE. NOR CAN ACCESS TO OR CONTINUED OCCUPANCE BE CONDITIONED ON A RESIDENT'S SOBRIETY.**

Besides our concerns regarding confrontations with individuals suffering from chronic or acute psychiatric issues while they are outside the confines of the facility and the supervision of the 'staff', we are also concerned about incidents of public intoxication, public drug use, discarded drug paraphernalia litter (needles/syringes), increases in petty crimes in nearby neighborhoods and the presence of registered sex offenders.

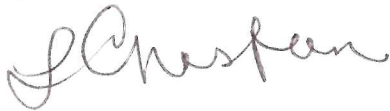
Because of the aforementioned our elderly and children who will no longer be able to access and/or benefit from the use of the many walking paths and open spaces unique to our neighborhood. Review of Napa City Police Department crime statistics in the area around the South Napa Homeless Shelter demonstrate that these concerns are not unfounded.

Additionally, the mix of 24 affordable housing units for extra low-income families mixed in with residents in the "Heritage House" with serious mental health and substance abuse issues is a recipe for disaster. It seems unfair and unsafe to subject families with children to be required to live alongside persons who will not be required to participate in mental health and/or sobriety programs or may be registered sex offenders. We are also concerned about the negative impacts this intensified use will have on the Salvador Creek ecosystem.

The neighborhoods that comprise the South East Vintage area do not currently suffer from the problems associated with persons who are chronically homeless. By warehousing these people at this location it will negatively affect our quality of life.

**We believe that this location could be put to a better use such as supportive housing for homeless seniors or young adults graduating from the foster care program.** The Heritage House project as sponsored by the County, City and the Gasser Foundation will create problems for the residents of the project and problems in our area that currently do not exist.

Signature



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