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Dear Jill,

I am a homeowner in the South East Vintage Neighborhood which is located in North Napa and comprised of single-family homes, apartments, schools, senior housing, numerous medical offices and a shopping center. Residents enjoy numerous pedestrian paths and open spaces for walking dogs and for children to play. Students walk to and from school throughout the neighborhood. Local children play baseball at Garfield Park, and soon the park will be expanded with a nature and fitness trail, community garden, and playground so more families can enjoy the outdoors. As a neighborhood, we take pleasure in promoting goodwill and neighborliness through social activities.

I was shocked to learn about a proposed housing project in our neighborhood, the **Heritage House**, which is intended to provide housing for adults and transition-age youth with serious mental illness including violence, psychosis, mental disease, long-term substance abuse disorder, and persons exiting institutionalized settings such as jail, prison, or hospitals requiring psychiatric care, and the chronically homeless. Our neighborhood is not the place for these high-risk people!

The safety of our neighborhood remains our highest priority, but also litter, public intoxication, public drug use, excrement and public urination/defecation, crime, homeless encampments, and insane people wandering our streets. It is especially troubling to know that Heritage House residents will have no restrictions, no supervision off premises, they will not be required to participate in mental health, substance abuse or vocational counseling, they cannot be evicted because of drug or alcohol use, there is no time limit on how long they can reside at the facility, and sex offenders who are homeless can be housed at the facility.

We have a passion for where we live! We cherish and protect our neighborhood, we promote responsible development and sustainability, we advance educational opportunities, we help those less fortunate, and work to improve all facets of the quality of life in our neighborhood. The Heritage House is in direct conflict with our community goals. Please consider more appropriate uses for the Heritage House project such as affordable housing for young adults transitioning from foster care, affordable housing for homeless families, and affordable housing for seniors.

Thank you for your consideration,

Colleen Topper
Homeowner

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