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To: Morris, Erin
Subject: Seious concerns with the Gasser Foundation's Heritage House Project on Valle Verde Dr.

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To Erin Morris, Planning Manager for the City of Napa,

I have serious concerns with the proposed 33 units of the Heritage House that are to be used for the chronically homeless as part of the "No Place Like Home Project". From the "No Place Like Home Program Guidelines",

Section 211. Tenant Selection

(c) Sponsors shall accept tenants regardless of sobriety, participation in services or treatment, history of incarceration, credit, or history of eviction in accordance with practices permitted pursuant to WIC Section 8255 or other federal or State Project funding sources

There is no apparent filtering of who can reside in those 33 units.

There is no requirement for treatment or monitoring.

Heritage House is not in a commercial area with easy access to bus stops and groceries. It is in a residential area. The building is completely surrounded by homes or apartments. There are a large number of seniors.

There are also many small children living next to Heritage House (in Shelter Creek and Silverado Apartments). Vintage High School is only 0.6 miles, walking distance, from Heritage House. Many high schoolers walk from Vintage to Valle Verde, where they live. These chronically homeless people will have constant contact with local seniors, small children and probably most frequently, the students from Vintage High.

A significant percentage of people in this program will revert to homelessness. Where will they go? Heritage House abuts Salvador creek.

Most of the land along the west side of the creek is public land. There are several places where one could camp out along the creek. They would most likely camp out in those places. There have been several homeless camp sites in these areas. The most recent one, right under the bridge next to the Heritage House property, was cleared out on 8/14/19.

These sites are also the favorite hang outs with some of the Vintage High students. There will be incidents.

Also, there are no activities or places for them to go to within easy walking distance (1/2 mile or less). The closest grocery store is more than 1/2 mile away. They will most likely hang out along the creek, along the walkways or along Trancas avenue. The bus stop and grocery store is outside of the guidelines for the program. Those guidelines are for making it less likely that these people will revert to homelessness.

Heritage House's location will make it more likely they will revert and they will have a significant negative impact on the existing residential community.

Sincerely,

Chris Morrison