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**From:** Clerk  
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**Subject:** FW: Heritage House-City Project File No. PL17-0114

Mayor and Councilmembers (bcc'd),

Please see the below correspondence addressed to your attention from Abe and Janet Newman regarding the Heritage House Project.

Thank you,

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

As grandparents of a Napa Little League child and as residents in the East BelAire neighborhood for the past 35 years, and a 40 year employee of QVMC, we recently became aware of the proposed housing project very near our home. How did we miss out on knowing of this proposal? We've been busy working, caring for our children and grandchildren, caring for our elder parents, our home and gardens. The quality of the neighborhood has already been impacted over the years by city decisions relating to new housing tracts, large scale low cost apartments, opening up neighborhood streets to increased traffic, speeding, and congestion. These have been tolerated.

The Heritage House proposal is truly stunning and the Napa Little League and the South East Vintage Neighborhood Assoc. are to be commended for their communication and lead in the matter. It was especially enlightening to review the state website for No Place Like Home. How can vast sums of state money grants( revenues from taxes) be distributed without any requirements placed on the benefactors? Does that work in real life?

We are in full agreement with the concerns outlined in their letter, however we would **add** that the neighborhood is not free of these problems as stated. Anyone who walks the area at various times of the morning, day or evening can be aware that the creek and rural pathways linking neighborhoods are subject to loitering, hidden activity of an unclear nature, unsafe driving patterns especially on Villa Lane and Willis Dr. Some areas should be avoided. Imagine running into hidden activity on the QVMC parking lot walking to and from work as I have. One can expect increased foot traffic in and through the hospital campus and the professional offices. The dead end of Valle Verde, the site of proposal, can be very sketchy as well as sites for inoperative cars, trailers, and discarded furniture. Adding the proposed population to the area will not improve, but rather negatively affect the neighborhood.

It is indeed unfair and unsafe for the many families residing in the Silverado Apartments on Villa Lane to be adjacent to the proposed housing, ironically named No Place Like Home.

Sincerely submitted,

Abe and Janet Newman