

Dear Mayor Hemminger,

On December 18, 2018, a letter was delivered to the residents of the Park at Chapel Hill apartments informing us that we have 6 months to vacate due to redevelopment plans for the property. The perspective conveyed in this letter from the community management is that the disruption and impact on the community is a regretful inconvenience. I would like to share my perspective.

I have been a Chapel Hill resident for 18 years. I was RIF'd from UNC in 2009. In 2012 still with no income, I had no choice but to let our lease at Sunstone apartments expire. I spent 5 months at the women's shelter while my son slept on someone's floor. I finally found a job in retail and miraculously we were able to secure this apartment and have lived here for 6 years.

There were so many resources made available to me during my stay at the shelter, so I hope that you can offer assistance in identifying what might be out there and available to us now to prevent us from becoming homeless again. If that sounds like an extreme statement, I personally am overwhelmed by the fact that over the next 6 months ALL of the residents here will be vying for the most affordable apartments in the area. Affordable or not, will the supply meet the demand?

While affordability is first on everyone's mind, many of us here have no transportation and location is equally important. We need to live close enough to walk to work, putting a limit to the possibilities. It is advantageous to live near the bus stops, but the bus schedules do not accommodate a 5 am shift. I've clocked my walk to work at just under 1 mile and taxis charge \$8 one way for the same trip, making it impractical on a daily basis.

Considering that I am being forced to uproot myself, search for a place to live and incur the expenses of moving, as well as being charged the month to month rate for 6 months since we are not allowed to renew leases here, I feel a bit more than inconvenienced.

We were told that a town hall meeting was being scheduled to answer questions. Where do I find out about this?

Thank you for listening.

Respectfully,
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