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Subject: FW: HAB letter of support for 1200 MLK project
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Thank you for your correspondence with the Town of Chapel Hill. The Mayor and Town Council are interested in what you have to say. By way of this email, I am forwarding your message to the Mayor and each of the Council Members, as well as to the appropriate staff person who may be able to assist in providing additional information or otherwise addressing your concerns.

Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mayor Hemminger and Town Council,

At our February 11th Housing Advisory Board meeting, we voted to send the Town Council a letter in support of the rezoning at 1200 MLK. Please find our letter attached to this email.

Best regards,
Sue Hunter
Chair, Housing Advisory Board

February 22, 2021

Dear Mayor Hemminger and Town Council Members,

The Housing Advisory Board is writing to express our support for the 1200 MLK Blvd. project, and ask that you vote to approve the rezoning request. Our primary concern is housing security for the 73 families currently living in the Tarheel Mobile Home Park, and ensuring that legally enforceable covenants are in place to protect the residents, and preserve these affordable housing units.

The residents of the Tarheel Mobile Park value living in a location that is affordable, safe and centrally located to transit, work, shopping, services and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro city schools. If the property owner displaces these residents, the options for relocating them within the town are limited to non-existent. In addition, the loss of stable housing during the pandemic will contribute to the current public health crisis. If we are truly committed to affordable housing, our actions must match our values. We must be willing to protect the most vulnerable members of our community, and be open to considering imperfect options.

There will be more threats to mobile homes in our community, and the need for affordable housing in Chapel Hill will continue to grow. We encourage the Town to prioritize development of affordable housing on Town-owned land, and create more housing options outside of the market economy. Current projections indicate that new affordable units will not become available in Chapel Hill until 2024. How many more of our residents will need access to affordable housing between now and then?

We recognize there are different visions of what the property at 1200 MLK could become, and that there are significant concerns with the current proposal. We acknowledge these issues, but believe approving this proposal is the best chance to protect vulnerable residents for many years to come. The well-being of our citizens should be the Town's first priority, and that outcome should outweigh all others. We strongly encourage the Town Council to vote for approval of this project.

Sincerely,

The Town of Chapel Hill Housing Advisory Board