

From: Rona Henry <rona.s.henry@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 1, 2024 2:01 PM
To: PC Public Comments
Subject: SUPPORT Costa Mesa Affordable Senior Housing

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This project will further cement the City's reputation for being innovative, compassionate, and effective on the issues of housing affordability and homelessness.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Rona Henry

From: Devin Valdez <devinwvaldez@gmail.com>
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From: GREEN, BRENDA
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 7:21 AM
To: PC Public Comments
Subject: FW: Planning Commission Public Hearing #1 -- Affordable Senior Housing Project
Attachments: 12.8.24 Ltr to PC re senior housing project.pdf

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Subject: Planning Commission Public Hearing #1 -- Affordable Senior Housing Project

Attached please see the public comment of the Costa Mesa Affordable Housing Coalition on the Affordable Senior Housing Project, set for discussion as Public Hearing Item 1.

Thank you,
Kathy Esfahani,
Chair of the CM Affordable Housing Coalition



December 9, 2024

Chair Adam Ereth and Members of the Planning Commission
City of Costa Mesa
77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA

RE: Support for Affordable Senior Housing Project – Public Hearing #1

Dear Chair Ereth and Members of the Planning Commission,

I write on behalf of the Costa Mesa Affordable Housing Coalition (the Coalition), a grass roots organization that advocates for affordable homes for Costa Mesa’s lower-income residents. We enthusiastically support the proposal before you: a 70-unit affordable senior housing project to be built by Jamboree Housing Corporation in the City’s Senior Center parking lot. We are especially pleased the project will include 34 units of permanent supportive housing for our City’s most vulnerable seniors. The project’s mix of low-income and very low-income rental units is exactly what Costa Mesa needs.

According to Costa Mesa’s Housing Element (2021-2029), the City has 12,138 seniors (age 65+) and 41% of them are renters. Even more striking, nearly 40% of Costa Mesa’s seniors are very low-income or extremely low-income, and another 22% are low-income. (H.E. Chap. 2, pp.19-20.) In other words, the vast majority of Costa Mesa seniors—62%—cannot afford to pay market rate rents. Our lower income seniors are in crisis, and the proposed project cannot come soon enough!

The Coalition urges you to adopt the recommendations in the staff report and take all steps needed to move this project forward. Costa Mesa’s seniors desperately need this affordable housing.

Respectfully,
Kathy Esfahani
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