

ANN ARBOR HOUSING COMMISSION

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Dear Mr. Kowalski,

I would like to express my support for the Lockwood Senior Living project proposed on Jackson Road. The 2015 Washtenaw County Affordability and Economic Equity Analysis found that the city of Ann Arbor is becoming increasingly economically and racially segregated, along with other Washtenaw County jurisdictions. The Equity study recommended and the City adopted a goal of increasing the affordable housing stock in the city by 140 units/year between 2015 – 2035.

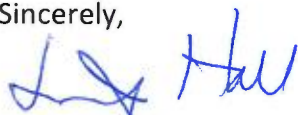
The Ann Arbor Housing Commission is the largest provider of rent and income restricted housing in the City of Ann Arbor. Since, 2015, the AAHC has developed 26 new units of affordable housing, Avalon Housing has developed 6 units and the community lost over 100 units of affordable housing. Developing new affordable housing is extremely challenging in the City. In order to reach this goal, it will require both public and private, non-profit and for-profit developers to increase the rent and income-restricted housing stock in the city.

Senior Housing is a critical need in the community and especially senior housing for low-income households. This project will help address some of the inequity by providing low-income rental units within a mixed-income property. The project will set-aside 20% of the units at 50% of the Area Median Income, based on state published rental limits for our community.

The property is ideally located on a bus-line and according to the owner, the residents will also have access to a complimentary shuttle van for doctor appointments and grocery shopping. As a senior housing project, on-site services are important for the quality of life of the residents. The project will include an activities director and a home health care provider as well as a commercial kitchen and on-site activities.

This project addresses a number of housing needs in the City including senior housing, rental housing, and low-income housing.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Hall
Executive Director

