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August 14, 2017

Ms. Andrea Guzzetta
Chief of Staff, City Council
City Hall, Room 301A
30 Church Street
Rochester, NY 14614-1265

Re: Cobbs Hill Village Senior Housing Project

Dear Ms. Guzzetta:

The Cobbs Hill Village project, redeveloping existing senior affordable housing, has sparked some controversy in an affluent area of Rochester. Although the neighbors cannot see Cobbs Hill Village from their own property, they reject the idea of it altogether. I would like to offer my support of this important project, spearheaded by Rochester Management.

When we developed our residential homes for individuals with developmental disabilities, our organization had also experienced similar reactions from the communities in which we now live. However, once our projects were completed, our neighbors were pleased and became friends of the agency. Fear of the unknown has the power to prevent progress.

Rochester Management, Inc. has managed stable and well maintained affordable housing in Rochester since 1949. We know first-hand of the quality of their work, as several of our current clients live in units that are managed by the organization. Rochester Management is committed to ensuring that the Cobbs Hill Village project creates high quality, sustainable affordable housing which will be an asset to the entire community. Our community is in need of more affordable housing options for those who cannot afford exclusive senior communities.

I support the Cobbs Hill Village project which Rochester Management has submitted to the City of Rochester. As a leader of a local nonprofit who serves many in Rochester, I ask that we continue to have the courage to provide for the underserved in Rochester. Please feel free to share my letter with City Council and President Scott.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Lori VanAuken
Executive Director