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Missoula City Council  
435 Ryman Street  
Missoula, MT 59802

RE: Rezoning of 2320 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street/Skyview Affordable Senior Housing  
Missoula, Montana

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my support of the zone change request for the proposed Skyview affordable housing project. I understand this request has prompted considerable opposition from the immediate neighbors. Despite this opposition, this sort of affordable senior rental housing is greatly needed in Missoula and will increasingly be needed in locations similar to the one proposed.

The City Council has recognized the need for denser infill development in its growth policy and newly adopted Housing Policy. I strongly encourage you to follow through with the goals of the policy by granting this zone change request.

This will be a senior development with little additional traffic and residents who desire the same thing as those who already live in the area; a quiet and peaceful environment close to services. Seniors desire to live in Missoula's neighborhoods, not just in commercial areas, and Skyview would fit in well with the surrounding area. As an example of successful senior tax credit property in a single-family area I would urge the Council to consider Burlington Square located just a few blocks south.

As many on the council know, earning an award of the valuable and limited housing credit is very difficult. In 2019, Missoula has a great chance at bringing some of this housing money to our community, but it can't happen without this zone change.

Thank you for your consideration of all Missoulians when making your determination.

Sincerely,



Lori Davidson  
Missoula Housing Authority