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Missoula City Council
435 Ryman Street
Missoula, MT 59802

RE: Rezoning of 2320 South 9th Street/Skyview Affordable Senior Housing

Dear City Council Members,

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

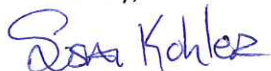
The City Council has recognized the need for denser infill development in its growth policy and newly adopted housing policy. I strongly encourage you to follow through with the goals of the policy by granting this zone change request. I also encourage the city to continue to address the concerns of neighborhoods who will continue to be impacted by similar infill opportunities.

The Skyview Affordable Senior Housing project will be an older adult 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. Older adults 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 a successful senior tax credit property in a single-family area, I would urge the Council to also consider Burlington Square located just a few blocks south.

As many on the council know, earning a valuable and limited housing credit award 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,



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