

September 12, 2019

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 there is opposition from some residents in the neighborhood. However, this sort of affordable senior rental housing is greatly needed in Missoula and will increasingly be needed in locations similar to the one proposed.

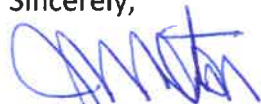
The City Council has recognized the need for denser infill development in its growth policy and newly adopted Housing Policy. Those putting forward use of this site for senior housing have been diligent in their search for property suitable to such a use. The choice of this particular site was done with sensitivity to the neighboring properties and the neighborhood. This will be a senior development with little additional traffic, serving 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 allocation of the valuable and limited housing credits is very difficult. In 2019, Missoula has a great chance at bringing some of this housing money to our community, but it cannot happen without this zone change.

I know you will give this request thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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