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Members of the Economic Development Committee:

I am working with Caroline Werner to achieve safe and neighborhood friendly LGBT Senior housing at Union Corners.

I like the changes proposed. I think they would help the development of the Union Corners site and support the low-income and senior LGBT housing development. LGBT people are not generally very wealthy because of the job and other social discrimination they've endured for decades. This site would be perfect for them because it's in a friendly neighborhood. I consider our inability to finance our own housing to be a "financial gap". We're struggling to find HUD, State or County funding as well because of the current political climate over which we have no control. Madison is known as a friendly city for the LGBT population. This is the perfect spot to create model housing other cities might want to copy.

The developers who want to work with the LGBT community need financial support to make this project happen. Caroline Werner met with Joe Schwenker of Gorman Construction. He and Caroline then met with Rita Giovannoni of Independent Living, LLC. Independent Living and Gorman are willing to work together to provide continuum of care for LGBT friendly senior housing at Union Corners. Both developers need supportive financing. Any help the city can give for affordable housing and "employment-oriented projects" at this site would be very welcomed.

Please support the change to assist this support.

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