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As a resident of Capitol Lakes for over 2+ years, I am concerned about the planned development which will demolish a welcoming assisted living environment (to be replaced by moving current residents to a crowded more congested area) as well as forcing these 'settled' existing residents to make a major move in their final years. The plan will then add 49 new apartments (with up to 90 new residents). The rationale is that Capitol Lakes has a long waiting list. That may be, but adding apartments will make a crowded space even more so with staff already overstretched and very hard to obtain. In a sense existing residents will be penalized; there will be no increase in eating areas and apparently no extension of restaurant hours (due to shortage of workers.) All facilities including pool, exercise facilities and access to entertainment will be overcrowded and thus less available. Currently the stress of staff shortages is very evident; increasing the number of residents will only increase this. And, of course, the current political environment emphasizes the reality of worker shortages as well as financial instability.

Finally, this change will negatively affect the neighboring area. The attractive green space corner with several large trees on Broom and Doty Streets will be removed and an active bus line will need to be rerouted. There are safety concerns as well as there is heavy day long traffic on both Broom and Doty Streets with cars entering and exiting John Nolen Drive and Highway 12/18. Will these also need to be rerouted? All this will lead to a decreased quality of life for both local residents as well as current Capitol Lakes residents.

My suggestion is for Capitol Lakes to try to remain true to its successful original plan with its current residents. If Madison needs more senior living opportunities, these should be in a different location not upending the current positive scenario. I urge you to consider my concerns.

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