

Memorandum

To: CDBG Commissioners
From: Dorothy Borchardt
Date: 2010-31-08
Re: Item # 19348

I'm writing in support of the Independent Living's application for the Cherokee project. As a former CDBG commissioner and alderperson on Madison's northside I'm very aware of the need for affordable housing that offers support service to older adult residents, so they can continue to live on their community.

I worked with Independent Living on filling this need while an alder and was disappointed that I couldn't accomplish that goal before I left office. At that time we held neighborhood meetings with a large number of supporters in attendance.

Since then several have had to leave their home and give up their dream of staying close to their neighborhood and have had to move to other areas of the city.

The Cherokee project has the support of the community and is a wonderful opportunity to help fill the need for affordable senior housing with support services.

I hope we can count on your support of this worthwhile project.

Thanks.