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Urban Planning Members,

I would like to add my support to the comments submitted by Gunda Korsts regarding the proposed independent living building at Oakwood West.

I, too, am not opposed to the overall project, but some design aspects seriously impact the existing community and warrant improvement.

In addition to the points made by Ms Korsts, I would add:

1) It negatively impacts Oakwood's Village Green, both spatially and functionally. This green space is currently used for outdoor concerts, picnics, lawn games, and as a visual softening agent. It not only impacts residents of assisted living, but residents of Heritage Hall. South-facing Heritage residents already look out on an asphalt traffic circle, but the open Village Green provides a compensating vista. The proposed building reduces this space and would create a walled-in effect. It also reduces the future resale value of the apts that would lose this vista.

2) An underground vehicle tunnel will increase noise and particle pollution from the exhaust ventilation needed. Already the turn-around circle in front of Heritage has significant noise and air pollution from delivery trucks & emergency vehicles who leave their engines running. At times it is impossible to open windows or use the screen porches. How will an increase in pollution affect the health of those in apartments near the outlet?

In summary, the plan should be designed to avoid negatively impacting the quality of life for existing residents.

Respectfully,
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