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Lara Kritzer
Community Preservation Committee Program Manager
Newton City Hall
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Newton, MA 02459

Dear Lara:

The League of Women Voters of Newton is pleased to support the Golda Meir House second application for CPA funds towards the proposed expansion/new buildings. "This project will expand the existing Golda Meir House through two new additions with 68 net new rental apartments. 57 units will be permanently restricted to residents at least 62 years of age. Of the 60 units that will be permanently affordable at the income levels shown below, based on the federally defined Area Median Income (AMI), 9 units without age restrictions will be designated for individuals with disabilities who have experienced chronic homelessness."

The proposal aligns with LWVN's stated goals of

- Using a variety of funding mechanisms to increase the supply of low-income housing in Newton.
- The project also conforms to the city's housing goals.
- The project is providing housing for those who have experienced chronic homelessness, a critical population.

We note that the project relies on federal (HUD), state, and local government funding, as well as contributions from the private sector. The request for CPA funds of \$1,244,800 along with the already approved \$3,250,000 CPA funds represents 11% of the entire budget. This is a modest portion of the project funding request and the CPA funds Newton expects for 2021.

Our only concern is whether state matching funds will decrease in the future due to the current economic situation.

Sincerely,

Marcia Johnson

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President, League of Women Voters, Newton